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Japanese Charged At Criminal Sessions

SEQUEL TO SEIZURE OF LARGE QUANTITY OF HEROIN

Accused Denies Knowledge

A Japanese, named Koyakio Itabashi, aged 41 years, appeared in the dock of the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, when a jury, comprising three Europeans, two Portuguese and two Chinese, were told of charges of possession and importing of 721 ounces of diacetyl morphine, commonly known as heroin, alleged by the Crown against the accused who was defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor. The jury empanelled was as follows:—Messrs. A. C. I. Bowker (Foreman), Jow Kwan Bok J. G. Buis, W. C. Ogley, P. A. O'Bow, Hove, G. H. V. Ribeiro and Mok Hing Cheong. The accused pleaded not guilty to both counts. He spoke in the Mandarin dialect. Mr. Abbott, in the course of his opening address to the jury, said that the heroin seized was sufficient to make the almost astronomical figure of 18,100,000 pills; or to supply 20 pills for each member of the Chinese population in Hong Kong.

Mr. Abbott said that at 7.30 on the morning of January 4, Revenue Officer W. Ward went on board the Butterfield and Swire s.s. Hupeh at the Hong Kong Canton and Macao Steamboat Wharf, to search the passengers and their baggage. Mr. Ward went to the port side of the ship and saw the defendant opposite to the compartment's cabin with his luggage. Defendant, when asked, replied in English that the luggage was his.

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FEN AREA RESIDENTS WARNED OF FLOOD DANGER

CONTINUOUS RAIN THREATENS FURTHER LANDSLIDES

London, March 17.

The B.B.C. last night broadcast a warning to residents in the fen areas to be ready to evacuate their homes at a moment's notice. Many people were awake all night listening to the broadcast every fifteen minutes.

Early this morning there was a slight improvement in some areas, enabling the watchers, wearied with their three days of continuous work, to take a slight rest, but a renewed downpour of rain threatens a further rise. Hundreds of Cambridge undergraduates are helping to strengthen the cracking banks. The work is hampered by barges bringing bags of clay being unable to pass the bridges.

The railway service from Folkestone to Dover which was closed owing to a landslide on the track has now been resumed, though continuous rains threatens further landslides. Weather forecasts offer little hope of cessation of the rain which is general all over the country.—Reuters's Bulletin Service.

London, Mar. 17.

Although the danger has not completely passed, the flood situation in England this morning shows distinct improvement.

There was last night, as the result of combination of high tides and further heavy rain, a period of acute anxiety.

Bulletins on the situation were broadcast at short intervals during the night and people living in

several villages were ordered to higher grounds and over a wide area the inhabitants were told to stand by in preparation for evacuation.

Wetney Wash for 20 miles of its length was under water which stood seven feet deep across the road from Ely to Wisbech.

There was danger that the loden banks would give away in other areas. Hundreds of men

were engaged in strengthening defences and everywhere else every point of importance was maintained. Wind and rain ceased about midnight and the tide began to fall. No further rain has fallen today and there is hope now that within a few hours the major danger which threatened the richest agricultural lands of England will have definitely subsided.—British Wireless.

Influence Of The Press On Public Opinion

ADDRESS BY MR. A. E. PRATT

Historical And Ethical Survey

Calculated to promote discussion on a very vital subject, the address delivered last night at the headquarters of the European Y.M.O.A. in Kowloon, by Mr. Alec. Einar Pratt, Editor of "The Hong Kong Daily Press," on The Press and Public Opinion, was listened to with the keenest appreciation by a very representative audience.

Professor R. Robertson, of the Hong Kong University presided and introduced the speaker.

Approaching his subject from the historical angle, Mr. Pratt said, "Although it may seem at first sight somewhat superfluous to mention it, yet it is nevertheless a fact that the power of the Press dates back a very long way further down the corridors of time than the advent of Delaney of 'The Times,' Northcliffe of 'Tit-Bits,' Rothermere of 'Answers' (or whatever their original ventures were called). Bottomley of 'John Bull' or Beaverbrook of 'The Daily Express.' There is nothing on record, I understand, which conclusively proves that the power of the Press went back to the Garden of Eden, but there must have been at least one pretty good free-lance journalist on the job even in those halcyon days, judging by the voluminous reports which have been handed down to an increasingly bewildered public about the important 'happenings' at that delightful party for which no

official invitations were issued. But to keep to the letter of fact, it appears that the earliest glimpses of the power of the Press are to be obtained by taking a stroll in the Roman Forum where an official, who combined the rare attributes of reading as well as oratorical ability, 'told the world' of his day of all the matters of major importance within the Roman Empire.

COMMENTS ON NEWS

In those days the person selected for this high office was an official who was persona grata with the political party in power, and, of course, he could be relied upon to give a proper interpretation to the 'news,' giving the right emphasis in the right place. The good people passing to and fro would hear him reading from the parchment and making his amplifications, and they would pause, learn and carry the news far and wide. (Continued on Page 7.)



The above photograph was taken at the wedding of Mr. William Sullivan, of the Hong Kong Police, and Miss Margaret Olwin George, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon.—(Photo by King's Studio.)

Mimic Warfare In Progress

Stonecutters Island Bombed

The War is progressing steadily and 'shortly' after noon yesterday, according to an Official Communique issued by the General Staff, a formation of Blue aircraft dropped bombs on Stonecutters Island without, however, causing much serious damage.

The following was the communique issued to the Press yesterday: 'Redland is at war with Blue Island. At 12.30 hours to-day a formation of Blue aircraft dropped bombs on Stonecutters Island without, however, causing more serious damage than wrecking the Officers' Mess and ruining the recreation rooms. Red anti-aircraft guns replied. Previous to that a small party of Blue seamen were reported to have landed in Hebe Haven from a junk; they were observed to re-embark. Dawn air reconnaissance this morning reported the party of troops marching along the northern shores of M'rs Bay to have

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FIFTY EIGHT DEAD Coal Mine Disaster In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 17. The death roll as the result of a fire which broke out in the lower levels of Chugai coal mine in Shizuoka Prefecture yesterday has reached 58.

The bodies of 42 of the victims were discovered by military chemical experts to be wearing gas masks. They had penetrated a mile and a half into the mine through deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

Eight bodies have so far been brought to the surface.

Over a hundred employees were fighting the fire yesterday when fifty to sixty were cut off by flames and fumes. It is feared that they have been suffocated.—Reuters.

Ambulance Brigade Overseas

Jubilee Celebrations

The following functions have been arranged in connection with the Jubilee celebrations of the St. John Ambulance Brigade:—

Friday, May 14.—Reception at St. John's Gate.

Friday, May 21.—Jubilee First Aid Competitions at the Great Central Hotel. Prizes will be distributed by H.R.H. Princess Alice.

Saturday, May 22.—Review in Hyde Park by H.M. the Queen.

Sunday, May 23.—Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Tuesday, May 25.—Investiture at Buckingham Palace by H.M. the King.

Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30.—Intensive Air Raid Precautions Course at Great Central Hotel.

It is hoped that in addition to the above functions there will be a Garden Party at Clarence House given by H.R.H. the Grand Prior in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 18 or Wednesday, May 19.

HEALTH RETURNS

Two cases each of diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever were notified to the local Health authorities on Tuesday.

THE DOLLAR

T.T. ON LONDON: 1s. 2-27/32d.

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London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, March 17.

London silver prices to-day were up 1/16 as follows:—

Mar. 18. Mar. 17.
Spot.....20-7/8 20-15/16
Forward.....20-7/8 20-15/16

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PHILANTHROPIC TERMS OF WILL

Siam To Benefit Considerably

London, Mar. 17.

Siam is to benefit substantially under the philanthropic terms of the will of Mrs. Reta Leonowens, widow of the former Bangkok testatrix, who left £108,000.

A sum of £5,000 will be devoted to the poor Siamese orphans; £10,000 to the Siamese Red Cross to endow a ward in Chulalongkorn Hospital, Bangkok; £1,000 each to the Laos Mission at Chienkai and Bangkok Nursing Home.

Apart from bequests amounting to a minor sum, the residue of the estate has been left in quarter

PIRATES

The following warning was issued by Police Headquarters yesterday:—

"Information has been received that a gang of eight pirates have left the Bias Bay area for an unknown destination during the last nine days; presumably with the intention of committing piracy."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Yesterday being St. Patrick's Day Mr. E. H. Williams the President of the Hong Kong St. Patrick's Society laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the members of the Society.

shares to four Siamese philanthropic bodies.—Reuters.

MURDER PLOT ALLEGATION

Liu Lu Yin Before Hupeh Court

Hankow, Mar. 17.

Mr. Liu Lu-yin, member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, who is held here on charges of murder of Mr. Yang Yung-tai, chairman of the Hupeh Provincial Government, and Mr. Teng Yu-jen, former foreign Vice-minister, was three times brought up for hearing at the Hupeh District Court, vernacular papers stated to-day.

The imprisoned Kuomintang member does not receive visitors, although he is allowed to provide for his own food. He is given a well furnished room, where he spends his time in reading and meditating.

Mr. Liu's brother, Mr. Liu Yu-hsin, is working hard among government leaders in Hankow for his release.

The vernacular papers did not state whether any evidence was introduced against the former Minister of Propaganda.—Union News.

President To Tour Kwangtung

Nanking, March 17.

President Lin Sen will proceed to Hankow by gunboat on March 20 en route to Canton where he will attend the memorial service to the seventy two revolutionary martyrs on March 29.

After that he will make a leisurely tour of Kwangtung and inspect reconstruction projects.

This will be his first visit to Canton in over six years.—Reuters.

Triumphal Entry To Tripoli

Tripoli, March 17.

Mounted on a purebred Arab horse, Signor Mussolini made a triumphal entry to Tripoli last night.

He was greeted with the shrill cries of excited Arabs, punctuated by the boom of saluting artillery.

A hundred thousand people including many Arab notables welcomed him with lighted torches.

Signor Mussolini unveiled a bust of Julius Caesar.—Reuters's Bulletin Service.

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Japanese Charged At Criminal Sessions

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GLASS TOP BOXES

Defendant was told to go to the wharf where Revenue Officer E. T. Warden was on duty at the search table. Defendant produced keys for the luggage and inside a basket was found tins of fish and glass top boxes containing nuts and fruits. Defendant stated that the goods belonged to a friend and should not be opened. He stated that his friend was in Hong Kong.

R.O. Warden opened one of the boxes of nuts and found that it had a false bottom and contained a box of white powder. He went for R.O. Ward who immediately placed the defendant under arrest and told him not to say anything.

They proceeded to the wharf office where Mr. Ward was joined by Mr. Watt Pak U, Interpreter of the Imports and Exports office. Mr. Ward started to dial on the telephone with the intention of speaking to Chief Preventive Officer Buller when the defendant snatched the telephone and said: "Don't ring up to the big office. I will give you and the Chinese man with you \$3,000 each if you will let me go."

Mr. Ward telephoned to Mr. Buller who arrived shortly after and took the defendant and his luggage to the L and E office.

The accused was charged at the police station.

To the charge of possession, the defendant replied: "I do not know the laws of Hong Kong. Please deal with me according to the laws of Hong Kong Government."

When charged with importing the defendant replied that he had no idea that they were contraband goods. He came to know that they were contraband when they were seized by the revenue officers. It was against his will that he had incidentally committed the two offences.

S. R. O. Grimmit made an inventory of the various articles of luggage. The travelling trunk had a false top and bottom in which there were six tins of powder. In the suit case were nine tins of fish and four of vegetables. There was also a roll of bedding containing powder and two pillows also lined with powder.

The heroin was examined by Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Mopopoly Analyst.

IGNORANCE NO EXCUSE

Crown Counsel submitted that it was not for him to prove that the accused did not know what the luggage contained; it was for the accused to prove to the satisfaction of the jury that he did not know. The facts, said Mr. Abbott, went to show beyond a shadow of doubt that the accused was in possession and control of the pieces of baggage containing the dangerous drugs. The offer made by the accused of \$3,000 was the plainest possible evidence of his guilt. The offer could only mean that the accused knew that he had committed an offence by importing the heroin into the Colony.

The first witness, Mr. W. M. Thomson, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, gave formal evidence, and in cross-examination by Mr. Sheldon, said that he had a conversation with the accused in his (witness's) office on the day of his arrest. Accused did not mention that a man Wong had given him the luggage but mentioned that two women in Tientsin had handed him the baggage and that possibly they had come down on the same ship. Witness sent revenue officers out and two women were brought back but the accused failed to identify them.

Mr. Sheldon mentioned that the man Wong, was Wong Sheung Shang who pleaded guilty at a February Sessions on similar charges.

Witness further stated that accused did not say that he had been asked to come down here by Wong to teach Japanese to a clansman of Wong.

SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH

R.O. William Ward then gave evidence and, cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, said that during the telephone incident the accused spoke in good English. Mr. Sheldon said that that accused's version was that he (accused) spoke in Mandarin to the effect that he was taking the baggage to a friend on the third floor of the Sun Wah Hotel, and counsel suggested that witness might have made a mistake. Witness replied that he was positive that the accused spoke in English when he made the offer of \$3,000.

R.O. E. T. Warden, Watt Pak U,

COURT NEWS IN BRIEF

The Norddeutscher Lloyd were summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday for failing to furnish a complete list of passengers carried by the s.s. Stuttgart on February 8. Mr. I. Rudloff, of Messrs. Melchers and Company, agents for the N.D.L., pleaded guilty. He said there had been a lot of steamers arriving and departing about that time, which was near Chinese New Year, and apparently one list had not been forwarded. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

A fine of \$40 was imposed on Hui Lap Lam of No. 384, Prince Edward Road when he appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning on a summons for not renewing his licence for his radio.

A representative pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant.

Appearing on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged with unlawfully pawing and receiving a bronze incense bowl, respectively, Chan Ming, and Wong Yui, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour. The former was also ordered to pay an amends of 60 cents to redeem the article.

Charged with kidnapping a boy about four years old, Chan Oi, 60, and her son, Wong Ko 28, basket-maker, were brought before Mr. E. Himsforth on remand yesterday morning at the Kowloon Magistracy. After evidence was heard, first defendant was sentenced to a year's hard labour while the second was discharged.

THEFT OF STEEL RAILINGS

For the larceny of nine steel rails belonging to the Shing Mun Valley Construction Company on March 16, Cheng Kam-kit, 30-year-old street coolie was fined \$150, with the alternative of three months' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning.

Tam Sheung, 47, broker charged with the same offence was discharged owing to lack of evidence against him.

Detective Sergeant Hutchinson stated that the total value of the steel rails were \$65. Outlining the facts of the case, Sgt. Hutchinson said that acting on information Sergeant Mattison arrested the first defendant on board a cargo boat No. 2034V on March 16 anchored at Hung Hom Bay.

Second defendant was arrested at 13 Pitt Street, after enquiries were made.

Det. Sgt. Hutchinson told his Worship that the police are taking a very serious view of the case as steel rails are valuable articles and added that as it was a very large quantity his Worship should give a maximum penalty.

This was accordingly granted by his Worship.

C.P.O. Buller and Senior C.R.O. Mo Kang also gave evidence.

Senior R.O. Grimmit, in evidence, said that he formed the opinion that the accused spoke very good English.

Itabashi, in evidence, denied all knowledge of the contents of the luggage. He stated that in Tientsin in December last year, Wong Shau Sheung asked him if he would like to go to Hong Kong to take up a job as a Japanese teacher at \$400 per annum and witness was given \$200 as travelling expenses. Wong travelled on the same ship, the Hupoh, to Hong Kong, witness took some of Wong's luggage as a favour.

Referring to the incident in the telephone office on the wharf when he was arrested, witness denied that he offered \$3,000 to R. O. Ward and Watt Pak Yu if they let him go. What witness said in Mandarin was, "Pay yo sam sal sum ta lo," meaning, "Friend, in great second floor."

Cross-examined by Mr. Abbott, witness said that Wong was responsible for the baggage. It was witness's case that Wong had misled him (witness) into this trouble.

Lee Mui Yin, a teacher in Tientsin, was called as a witness for the defence and his cross-examination by Crown counsel had not been completed when the Court was adjourned to this morning.

POSSESSION OF REVOLVER

Nine Months In Prison

"Some day, perhaps, people like you will have the common sense to realise that you must not do everything your friends ask you to. It is quite clear from the evidence that you were well aware that you were doing something against the law and I cannot for a moment, on a charge so grave as this, stop to think of considering the possibility of putting you on a bond."

With these words, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday passed sentence of nine months' hard labour on Chan Yun, aged 28, who pleaded guilty to the possession of a revolver without a licence from the Hon. Inspector General of Police.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, for the defence, said that the accused was a boatman and had a friend, Cheng Kan-chai, who apparently owned a small fishing junk and the revolver which he handed to the accused to take ashore for repairs at the time when he was arrested. Cheng on seeing the police ran away and had not since been located. The arrest was made on Cheung, Chau Island where the accused was looking for work. The accused bore a testimony from the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company to show that he had formerly been employed as a life boatman on the Empress of Japan and had been discharged with a very good character. Counsel submitted that the accused was only guilty of a technical offence.

His Lordship said that he could not regard it as a technical offence for not only was the accused in possession of the weapon but there was also evidence that it had been fired within three days prior to the arrest and the accused had also been asked to have the cleaning cloth washed.

Nathan Hotel Robbery Attempt Sequel

A sequel to an attempt to rob a wealthy banker of Singapore, arrived in Hong Kong and resided at the Nathan Hotel. It was about 7.30 a.m. on February 19 when the defendants entered room No. 404 and produced a letter. Kwok began reading the letter when suddenly the first defendant seized his wrist while the other pointed a pistol at him. Apparently this pistol was artificial.

The complainant left the Colony the day the crime was committed and the police were unable to find his whereabouts.

The two defendants stated they only tried to borrow money from the man. They denied that they had assaulted the complainant but added that they scolded him instead.

After evidence was heard the two defendants were discharged.

Sub-Inspector Cunningham was present in Court for the prosecution, stated that on February 17 last the complainant Kwok Sun,

a wealthy banker of Singapore, arrived in Hong Kong and resided at the Nathan Hotel. It was about 7.30 a.m. on February 19 when the defendants entered room No. 404 and produced a letter. Kwok began reading the letter when suddenly the first defendant seized his wrist while the other pointed a pistol at him. Apparently this pistol was artificial.

The complainant shouted out "robbers" and the men immediately left the room. At the same time, Li Hum, folk of the Hotel, heard the commotion, and rang the alarm bell to notify the ground floor to bolt the doors. Another folk of the Hotel, running up the stairs, arrested the first defendant.

On the same day about 6.30 p.m., Inspector Shannon arrested the second defendant in Hong Kong.

Inquiries were made and it was found that the two of them lived at 82, Connaught Road West, for some time and were unemployed.

CORONATION

The Hong Kong Coronation Committee announces that it has been decided that there will be no formal coronation service in any one church, but that each denomination and church will hold its own special service.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo asked his Lordship to take into consideration the fact that the accused had been in custody for the last six weeks.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, for the prosecution, said that the accused had told the police what he knew about Cheng Kan-chai. Accused had told a long story which Mr. Abbott said he would not repeat in the interests of the accused as it would be detrimental to the submissions of learned counsel. As far as the Crown knew, Cheng did not have a licence for the boat and had borrowed it for a particular purpose.

HONG KONG HOTEL

The following guests are staying at the Hong Kong Hotel:—Mr. R. Bigazzi, Mrs. J. L. Bourgois, Miss Alva J. Boyd, Mr. J. A. Boyd, Mrs. H. W. Bradley, Miss R. Bradley, Mr. N. Brandel, Miss Arlinda Bugnor, Mr. Cedric Bugnor, Mr. W. E. Burnside, Mrs. W. E. Burnside, Mrs. C. A. Dennett, Mr. R. T. Down, Mr. A. J. Edgar, Mr. J. J. Edgar, Mrs. G. C. Feltham, Mrs. E. J. Grierison, Mr. J. R. Henshilwood, Mr. H. Herzberg, Miss D. E. Hollway, Miss E. F. King, Mr. P. H. King, Mr. O. Kranen, Mr. F. Mueller, Mr. K. Mueller, Miss D. Notargiacomo, Miss M. E. Paxton, Mrs. T. B. Paxton, Mr. David Potter, Mrs. David Potter, Mr. A. E. Pratt, Mr. F. C. Pye, Mrs. F. C. Pye, Mr. L. H. Rawson, Mrs. L. H. Rawson, Miss M. Regan, Miss T. von Schmid, Mr. J. R. Sindlinger, Mrs. J. R. Sindlinger, Mr. Elkin Smith, Mrs. Elkin Smith, Mr. H. C. Stafford, Dr. H. Talbot, Capt. W. L. Thomas, Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Mr. O. L. Vaughan, Mr. Roy L. Ware, Mrs. F. B. Wright, Miss X. Zarina.

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1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Dash of salt and pepper
2 tablespoons catsup
1 cup grated cheese
Cook the noodles and drain. Beat eggs well. Combine with other ingredients. Add to noodles and pour into buttered ring mold. Set in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for 45 minutes. Unmold carefully onto a large platter and fill the center with creamed chicken.

CHICKEN IN TOMATO SAUCE

Have a fowl or large chicken cut into joints. Dip all over in seasoned flour and fry in a little butter until golden brown. Then brown slightly one or two onions, a carrot, and a stick of two of celery and put on the chicken. Season well. Cut a pound and a half of cooking tomatoes into quarters and put into a sauce-pan with half a cupful of water; stew for a few minutes until soft, with a sliced onion, then rub through a sieve after removing the onion. The sauce should be fairly thick; if it is too thin boil it up with a teaspoonful of cornflour. Season with salt, cayenne, and mace, then pour over the chicken. Cover tightly, and cook in a slow oven until the chicken is tender. It can be cooked in a saucepan if a low heat is kept. This dish is good served with a border of boiled spaghetti.

CHOP SUEY

Here is the genuine Chinese recipe for the famous chop suey which Americans have taken up as a favourite dish.

Breast meat from uncooked chicken, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 cup celery, 6 small mushrooms, 1 cup chicken stock, 2 tablespoons cold water, 1 teaspoon sugar, 2 teaspoons Shoyu sauce, 1 green pepper, 1 teaspoon cornflour, 1 onion.

Remove the breast meat from an uncooked chicken and cut in strips one inch long. Melt butter, add the chicken and cook two minutes; then add the celery cut in thin slices cross-wise, onion, peeled and sliced and the mushrooms sliced. Cook five minutes, add stock, sugar, Shoyu sauce, green pepper cut in strips, and the cornflour diluted with cold water. Bring to the boiling point and let simmer till the meat is tender. Serves four.

BRITISH INCOME FROM ABROAD

£35,000,000 Increase Last Year

Britain's net income from abroad last year rose by £35,000,000 to £330,000,000—the highest figure since 1930, states the "Daily Telegraph."

Estimates of the totals given in the "Board of Trade Journal" show that:

Income from shipping rose by £20,000,000 to £295,000,000, and income from overseas investments by £15,000,000 to £195,000,000.

Because of the advance in her overseas income, Britain has been able to finance the huge rise in imports last year without disturbing materially her balance of payments with other countries.

The excess of merchandise imports over exports in 1936 was £349,000,000. Including the "invisible" trade items, this deficit is reduced to £19,000,000.

"Credit Best in Europe" This deficit was described by Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade as "absolutely negligible."

Speaking at a National Liberal Club luncheon, he said that Britain had now the best credit in Europe—if not in the world.

"We are paying our way as we go, welcoming the goods of the world into the country," he added. "Our international trade is the very essence of our being. Unless it is

VEAL STEW

Salt pork, 1 pound, Veal breast, 2 pounds, Salt, 2 teaspoons Peas, 1 cup, Green pepper, 1 Flour, 2 tablespoons.

1. Cut salt pork into cubes and fry until lightly browned.
2. Add veal cut in small pieces, and brown.
3. Cover with water (about 6 cups), add salt and cover closely. Simmer for 2 hours.
4. Add peas and green pepper, chopped.
5. Thicken the gravy with flour stirred into a little cold water.

Creamed Chicken

One 4 or 5 lb. chicken, cooked until tender
3 cups chicken stock or Carnation Milk, undiluted
3 tablespoons finely cut celery
3 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper

1. tablespoon finely cut parsley
- Salt to taste
- 1 cup butter or chicken fat
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1 cups mushrooms, canned or fresh, fried in butter
- 1 cup of pimiento, cut in thin strips.
- 2 egg yolks
- Paprika

After chicken is cooked, remove meat from bones and cut in cubes. Fry the celery and green pepper in the bottom of a pan with a little of the chicken fat. Heat the butter, add the flour and stir until blended. Add stock or milk and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Add chicken, celery, green pepper, mushrooms, pimiento and parsley. Just before serving, add the yolks of the eggs mixed with some of the mixture. Season with salt and paprika. Pour this into the center of the noodle ring. Over the chicken, sprinkle tiny bits of pimiento and a generous dash of paprika, and over the noodle ring finely cut green pepper. Onion cups filled with buttered carrots, bits of cranberry marmalade and parsley can be used for garnishes. Serves 8.

RAISIN GINGERBREAD

1 cup melted butter, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 cups of flour, 1 teaspoon carbonate of soda, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 2 teaspoons ground ginger, 1 teaspoon mixed spice, 2 tablespoons treacle, 1 cup raisins, 1 egg, and 1 cup milk. Sift the flour, salt, and spices into a basin, and add the raisins and sugar. Make a well in the centre and pour in the melted butter, beaten egg, treacle and milk and mix lightly into the dry ingredients. Put into a shallow cake tin lined with greased paper, and bake for 45 minutes in a moderate oven.

MISSIONARY FORMER CHINA

The Rev. Alfred Sills, general secretary of the Hibernian Church Missionary Society, died in a Dublin hospital recently. He was a missionary at Kienning in China for many years and made an unsuccessful attempt to save two women missionaries, Miss Eleanor Harrison and Miss Edith Nettleton, who were captured and held to ransom by Chinese Communists in 1930.

While negotiations were in progress for the release of the women on payment of £5,000 they were killed. Some soldiers led by a former Communist attacked the kidnappers, who thought they had been betrayed by the negotiating messenger.

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Referring to his recent visit to the United States, Mr. Runciman declared: "The time is rapidly coming which we shall be able to say, I hope, to the Secretary of State for the United States, 'We agree with you that the best thing that could happen to the world is to have a free exchange of commodities and services.' We have, by our national policy, opened the door to these commodities."

Pumpkin Cream Pie

What a pie! Its creamy-smooth filling has a most unusual, buttery-rich flavor. Won't you make it from this tested recipe?

Pumpkin Cream Pie

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 2 eggs, separated

Mix 1 cup sugar, cornstarch, spices and salt together. Stir in milk and pumpkin. Cook 20 minutes, over boiling water, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and stir into slightly-beaten egg yolks. Return to heat and cook 2 minutes longer, stirring constantly. Cool. Pour into baked pastry shell. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold in remaining 1 cup sugar. Spread on top of pie. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) 15 minutes, or until brown. Makes one 9-inch pie.

For Pumpkin-Orange Cream Pie, add 1 cup orange marmalade to the cooled filling just before pouring into the baked shell. Cover with meringue and back as directed above.

Boeuf Gros Sel

Boiled beef is a dish which either commends itself very strongly or not at all. "Boeuf gros sel," on the other hand, has a general attraction, and is a favourite dish whether it is treated in the French way and served with gherkins and coarse salt crystals or, whether it is Italianised with a pleasant little piquant sauce in which chopped egg, herbs, and vinegar figure. "Boeuf gros sel" is, of course, nothing without the soup that follows the next day. This is really the vital part of the beef and it makes a soup which is beyond compare both as to flavour and as to goodness. The beef must be simmered as slowly as possible so that it does not become a shred. It should be so tender, when finished, that any little streaks of gristle in it become soft and palatable. It should be cut in rather thick, chunky slices. Anything left over can be allowed to grow cold and be served the next day with the soup made from the liquor in which the beef was boiled. With the cold beef some mayonnaise sauce can be served, preferably made the day before so that it has time to thicken. Some people serve mayonnaise eggs with the cold beef. For this purpose the mayonnaise should be made with a fair amount of vinegar and mustard so that it has a good deal of sting to it, which is toned down by the hard egg-yolk with which it is mixed. This, together with the cold beef, makes a palatable dish.

Morocco Chocolate Cake

- 2 cups sifted Cake Flour
- 1 teaspoon Royal baking powder
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter or other shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 4 squares Unsweetened Chocolate, melted
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, and salt, and sift three times. Cream butter; add sugar gradually, creaming well. Add eggs and beat thoroughly; add chocolate. Blend. Add flour, alternately with water, in small amounts, beating after each addition. Add vanilla. Bake in two greased 9-inch layer pans in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes, or until done. Spread Raisin Nut Morocco Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

Raisin Nut Morocco Frosting Mix well in top of double boiler: 2 unbeaten egg whites, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar, and 8 tablespoons water. Place over rapidly boiling water, beat constantly with rotary egg beater, and cook 7 minutes, or until frosting will stand in peaks. Remove from boiling water; add 1 cup cut raisins, 1 cup broken walnut meats, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind. Then fold in carefully, but thoroughly, 1 or 1 square Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted, and spread on cake.

(All measurements are level)

ROYAL AIR FORCE EMPIRE

Parachute Duty Pay

It has been decided that, with effect from January 1, 1937, duty pay at the rate of 3d. a day may be issued to aircrew, group V, below the rank of corporal, who have passed satisfactorily a course in the care, packing, and maintenance of parachutes and are employed in assisting the unit parachute officer, states the "Times."

It is not the intention that employment on these duties (limited to two aircraftmen per unit) should be confined to men in group V, but duty pay will not be admissible for aircrew of trades in other groups who are so employed or for aircrew in receipt of other duty pay, such as mates.

Promotion Examinations

Promotion examinations "B," "C," "E," and "F" for advancement to flight lieutenant and squadron leader in the general duties and equipment branches, for all candidates from home commands will be held from Tuesday to Friday, March 16 to 19, at the following stations: Alderbury, Andover, Caterick, Farnborough, Gosport, Hendon (for candidates from the Air Ministry, Hendon and Northolt only), Hendlow, Leuchars, Manston, Peterborough, and Sealand, and in the aircraft carriers Courageous and Furious.

"PREFERENCE" TO JAPAN

Barriers To British Goods

Great Britain cannot negotiate with a part of the British Empire. Other countries can. Japan is at present negotiating a trade agreement direct with Burma. Great Britain is compelled to negotiate with India and Burma jointly.

The Commons heard about this peculiar state of affairs recently from Mr. Butler, Under Secretary for India. He explained a series of Orders regulating trade between India and Burma under the new self-governing constitutions of those two parts of the British Empire.

There is free trade between India and Burma. According to Mr. Butler, duties on United Kingdom goods entering India and Burma must remain at their present levels unless they can be modified by negotiation with India and Burma jointly.

Yet Mr. Butler told members that trade negotiations are at present proceeding between Japan and Burma. He understood that agreement had been secured, although he was not aware of its nature. "I can only hope," he added comfortingly, "that when members see the agreement they will not find it unsatisfactory."

Mitigating Trade Depressions

Industrial Progress And Rearmament

Sir Harold Bellman, speaking at the annual dinner of the Finance Chamber of Commerce last month, said that it had been suggested that recovery in trade and industry had been made possible largely by the rearmament programme and the housing "boom."

While rearmament had been a factor within limits, it was possible to exaggerate its influence. It had been calculated that recent rearmament expenditure, including a generous allowance for consequential expenditure, hardly amounted to five per cent of the national income, and had thus been a relatively minor influence in recent industrial progress. The aspect of rearmament that was perhaps most disquieting was that manufacturers, being fully preoccupied by the need of the home market, would lose grip on their overseas markets, and once this foothold had been lost, it was extremely difficult to recover under modern conditions.

Local authorities were likely to be building on a considerable scale during the next few years, and although England might be within measurable distance of some reduction of output of houses built by private enterprise, it seemed unlikely that a precipitous decline, with a great disorganization of the industry, would take place.

AVOIDING EXTREMES

There was a general expectation that business activity would be well maintained during the present year, the speaker went on. It was recognized, however, that the rate of recovery might slow down.

Conservatives found this unfavourable treatment of Great Britain within the British Empire disquieting. Sir Henry Page Croft, denouncing the "almost penal duties" against British goods in the Indian and Burmese market, wanted to know why this country should not at least have been represented at the conference between Burma and Japan.

Mr. Brocklebank put the Lancashire objection in a sentence. "Burmes and Indian duties on British goods are tied together for a period of three years." There could be no separate arrangement to lower them even if Burma so desired.

The curious consolation held out in reply by the Under Secretary for India was that India or Burma might find it in their interests to terminate this arrangement.

NEED TO EXPAND EXPORTS

British Trade Balance: Prices And Wages

Mr. Colin P. Campbell devoted a considerable part of his speech at the annual meeting of the National Provincial Bank recently to the position of Britain's trade balance.

Mr. Campbell said that the large increase in Britain's visible imports, as compared with that of exports, during 1936, had naturally caused a certain amount of uneasiness, since it was generally assumed that the improvement in the value of her invisible exports could not be sufficient to counterbalance it.

That improvement, however, must be substantial and might fairly be expected to continue. "Any fear," he said, "that we are living on our capital to any great extent can easily be exaggerated."

Referring to the rise in commodity prices, Mr. Campbell said that if the movement were to go so far as to cause a considerable increase in the cost of living, followed by a rapid advance in wages, Britain might be faced with a serious rise in the cost of production.

"We can only hope," he went on, "that it will be possible to adjust prices and wages to avoid any such result."

He thought it natural, in view of exchange restrictions, for British industry to pay less attention to overseas markets.

"But it will be unfortunate," he added, "if British industry is tempted to neglect opportunities for increasing its connections abroad and even to allow old connections to be lost, perhaps for all time."

"MUST NOT NEGLECT CUSTOMERS ABROAD"

This problem of Britain's export trade was also discussed by Mr. G. P. Dewhurst, in his address to the shareholders of Williams Deacon's Bank at the annual meeting in Manchester.

It remained a problem to be solved, he said, but a definite step forward had been taken during the past year towards freeing international trade from its many restrictions, which might mark a new era in international economic relations. He was referring to the tripartite monetary agreement.

Mr. Dewhurst thought that the rise in prices of agricultural produce, which, in so far as it affected the purchasing power of the producing countries, might also be of material assistance to Britain in regaining its exporting position to those markets, so long as the present remunerative nature of her domestic trade did not lead her to neglect the requirements of her customers abroad.

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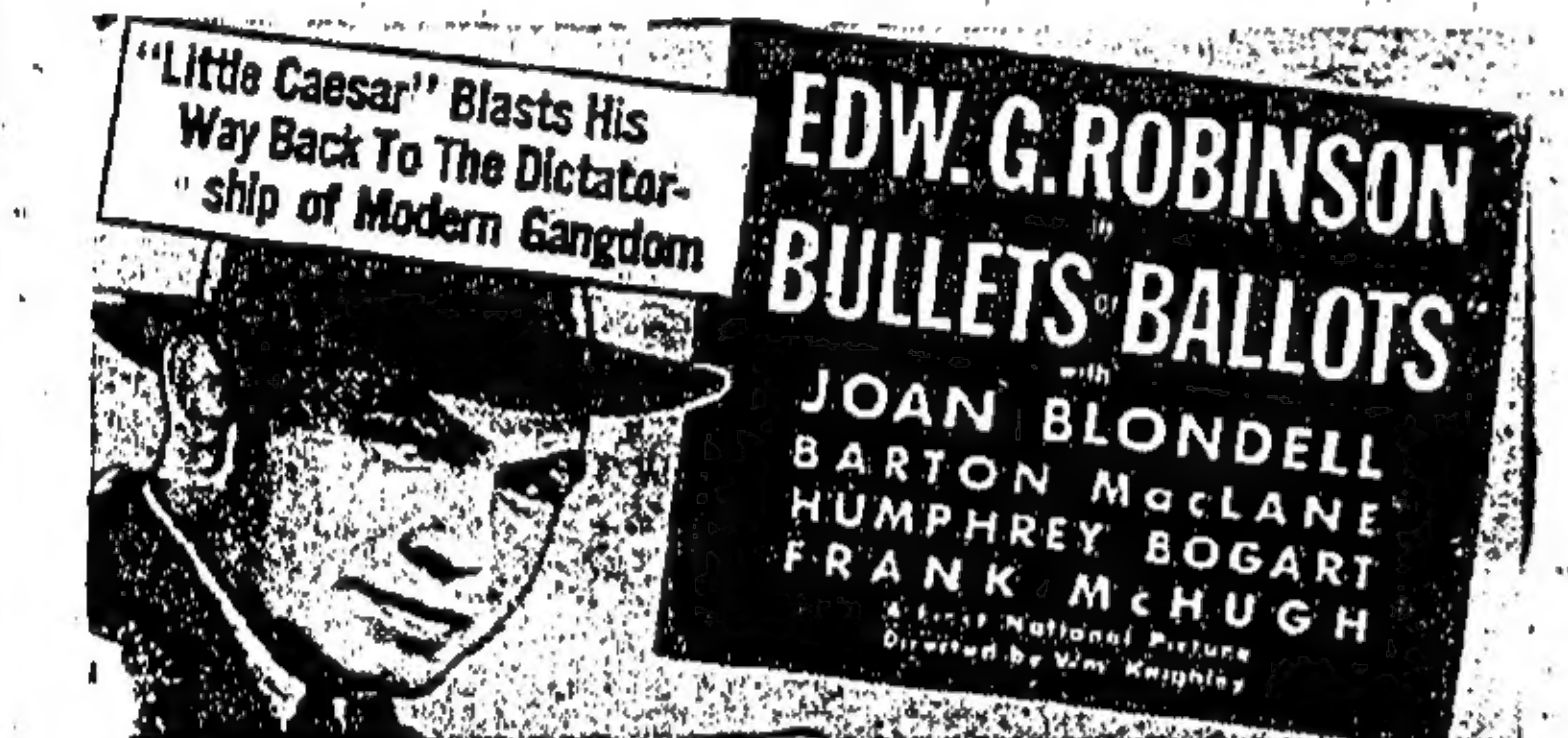
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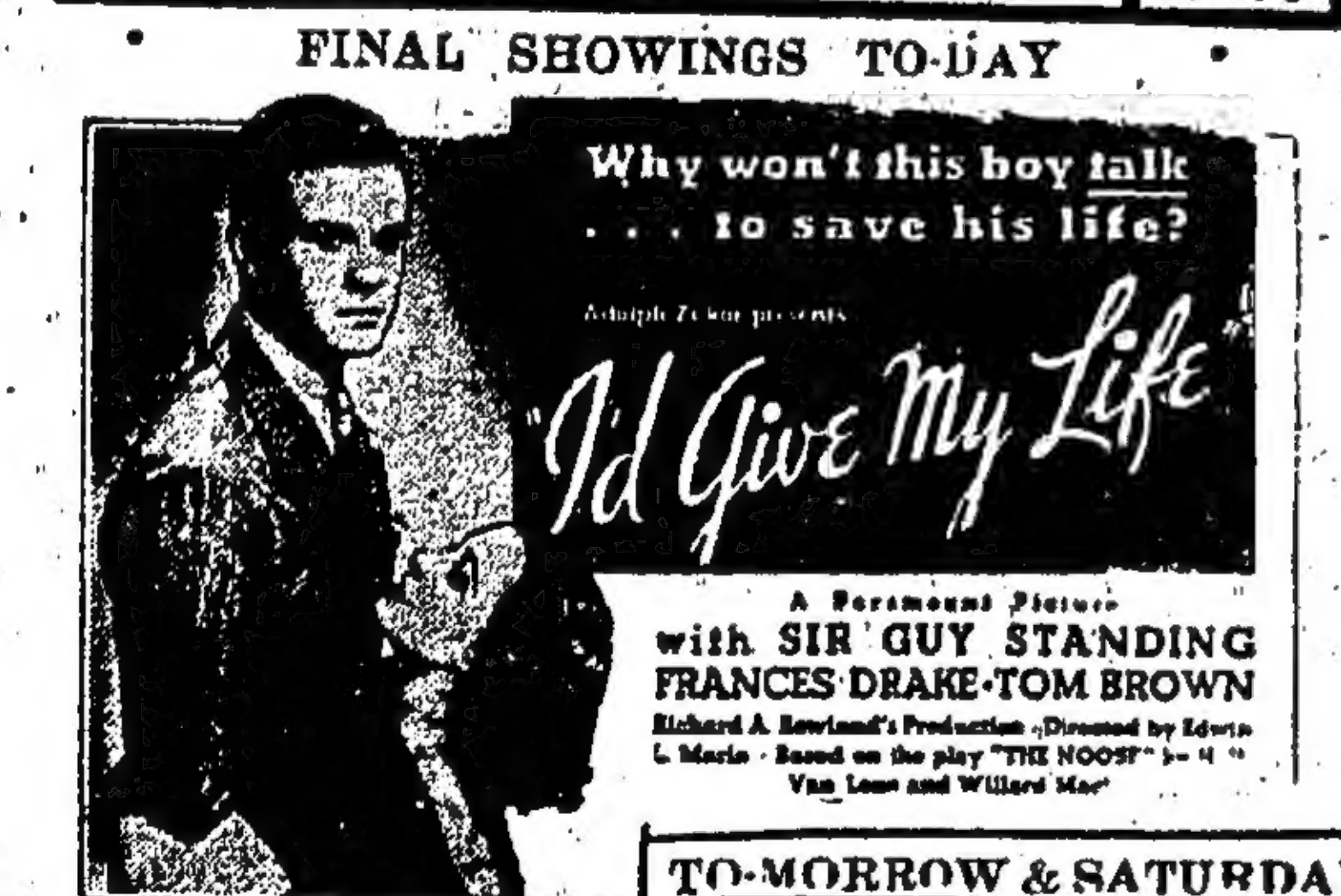
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"CRIME OF DR. FORBES" with ROBERT KENT, CLORIA STUART

SMARTEST GIRL IN TOWN

If three times is the charm as the old saw goes, then the romantic comedy, "Smartest Girl in Town," should be one of the year's biggest hits.

For the picture, which has its run at the Queen's Theatre today, marks the third time that Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern have been teamed. They were first paired in "Hooray for Love." The success of the film stimulated the studio to produce "Walking on Air," which proved to be one of the screen's more popular screen offerings. "Smartest Girl in Town," from all indications, should surmount the earlier Raymond-Sothern screen successes in entertainment qualities.

CAMILLE

"Camille," with Greta Garbo and Robert Taylor as its sensational co-starring team, brings mutual distinction to Hollywood's two most glamorous stars.

The picture from Metro Goldwyn-Mayer studios opens to-day at the King's Theatre. George Cukor, the director of "Romeo and Juliet," again displays the genius of his power in his superb direction of "Camille."

The notable supporting cast includes Lionel Barrymore, Elizabeth Allan, Jessie Ralph, Henry Daniell, Lenore Ulric and Laura Hope Crews, and there is not a performance among the group that does not deserve praise.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—"Camille"
QUEEN'S:—"Smartest Girl in Town"
ORIENTAL:—"Bullets or Ballots"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—"Make Way For A Lady"
MAJESTIC:—"Mister Cinderella"
STAR:—"I'd Give My Life"

Coming

KING'S:—"Sinner Take All"
QUEEN'S:—"The Plainsman"
ORIENTAL:—"Walking On Air"
"Born To Dance"
"Lady Be Careful"
ALHAMBRA:—"The Plainsman"
STAR:—"Crime Of Dr. Forbes"
MAJESTIC:—"Bengal Tiger"

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"What do you say? I haven't got any apples, I know I haven't got any apples I said suppose I had. You haven't got any apples either, have you? What's the good of arguing about it then?"

"All right then, buy the apples on the way home, both of you, and don't let me hear another word about it until to-morrow morning. I'm tired of you and your apples."

MAKE WAY FOR A LADY

Although novel film plots are as rare as the proverbial hen's teeth, Herbert Marshall and Anne Shirley offer something brand new in their current RKO Radio vehicle, "Make Way for a Lady," which opens at the Alhambra Theatre today.

Marshall portrays a wealthy widower whose daughter Anne, becomes convinced he should marry again and sets about leading him into matrimony without his being aware of her plans. Her selection for prospective step-mother, however, happens to be the one woman in the world whom Marshall secretly detests, and this results in a host of amusing complications as the story moves on to its surprise climax.

AIRSHIP RESUMES SERVICE

First South American Trip Of The Year

Frankfurt-on-Main, Mar. 16. The airship Hindenburg, commanded by Captain Pruss, left here to-day at 8.28 p.m. on her first South-American trip of the year. Every cabin was occupied and among the passengers were numerous German businessmen and several people on pleasure bent.

Dr. Hugo Eckener will accompany the ship to Rio de Janeiro where he will attend the inauguration of the new airship port which is to be named after the Portuguese airman, Bartholomew de Gusmano.

The Hindenburg again carried a large quantity of mail and cargo. Her return is scheduled for March 27, after which ten new cabins will be built in the ship prior to its maiden voyage in the North-Atlantic service.

Transocean News Service.

BRITISH ARMY EFFICIENCY

Progress Outlined By War Minister

London, Mar. 16.

In introducing the Army estimates in the House of Commons, the Minister for War, Mr. Duff Cooper, said that the experience of the last 12 years was a period generally regarded as one of peace, but during which hardly a single year had passed without some special and unexpected situation arising to interfere with the normal activities of the army, and this should convince the House that an expeditionary force, equipped to the highest point of efficiency, must at all times be maintained.

Dealing with the contemplated developments, he said that it had been decided that a mobile brigade, containing only one tank regiment, would be lacking in punch and power and in future the mobile brigade would consist of a fully mechanised infantry battalion with two light tank regiments. They were highly satisfied with the latest design of the light tank which they believe had no superior, even if it had an equal.

Light tanks were now being turned out in large numbers. By the end of the year it was hoped to complete the mechanisation of the artillery. An additional member of the Army Council and Director General of munitions production had been appointed during the past year, and Engineer Vice-Admiral Sir Harold Brown had been selected for the post.

RE-EQUIPPING PROGRESS

They were making considerable progress in the great task of re-equipping the whole army. The territorial army to-day was stronger by 881 officers and 15,295 other ranks than it was a year ago. Great numbers of young men of the right type were coming forward to join the anti-aircraft divisions. It had been decided that the provision of the territorial army with modern equipment, sufficient for purposes of training should proceed simultaneously so far as circumstances permitted, with the equipment of the regular army, thus modifying last year's decision that providing the territorial army with modern equipment must be postponed until the demands of the regular army had been satisfied.

The Government had decided that in regard to the cadet movement, similar financial assistance would be extended as it enjoyed before recognition was withdrawn. Dealing with recruitment for the regular army, he said they had to make the army career more practical and more profitable and more pleasant. Great development of vocational training facilities was now envisaged to train soldiers for civilian employment on leaving the army, and men would go as civilians to the Ministry of Labour training centres after they had left colours.

He indicated a number of reforms in the ordinary curriculum of army life which he hoped would increase the popularity of the service.—British Wireless.

SPANISH CIVIL CONFLICT

International Board Meeting

London, March 15.

A communique states that the sub-committee of the International Committee for the application of the agreement, regarding non-intervention in Spain, to-day agreed that at present the most important task to ensure was the effective establishment of an international board, with a view to put to the scheme for the observation of the Spanish frontier into full operation at the earliest possible moment.

Immediate arrangements are therefore being made for meetings of the board to be held with a view to settling, with the utmost despatch, all outstanding details in regard to the working of the observation scheme. The first full meeting of the board will be held to-morrow.—British Wireless.

FINANCIAL AID

It is understood that the question of financial aid to either of the parties to the Spanish conflict was under discussion at to-day's meeting and the Soviet note to Lord Plymouth, the chairman, was before the meeting.

Russia, while agreeing to discuss this question in principle, indicated that she declined to agree to any discussion affecting the assets of

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Anniversaries and Holidays.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem.
Auctions.—Postage Stamps, in Lammer's H.K. Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

Cinema

King's:—"Camille."
Queen's:—"Smartest Girl in Town."
Central:—"Damaged Lives."
Oriental:—"Bullets or Ballots."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Make Way For A Lady."
Majestic:—"Mr. Cinderella."
Star:—"I'd Give My Life."
Entertainments.—Helen May Concert 5.30 p.m.

Lectures.—Theosophical Society, 8 p.m. Mr. J. S. Greenberg on "The Kingdom of Youth." Prof. P. C. Chang on "English and Chinese Universities Compared," at King's College, 5.15 p.m.; Mr. Gerald Sydney, at St. Andrew's Hall, 9 p.m.

Meetings.—Annual of H. K. Lawn Bowls Assn. in "S. C. M. P." Board Room, 5.30 p.m.; Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. Annual Meeting, 5.45 p.m.; T.C. H. Supper Meeting at Seamen's Institute, 7.30 p.m.; Teachers' Assn., Geography Room, King's College, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Reception in honour of Admiral Esteva at the French Consulate; Prof. P. C. Chang entertained to luncheon at St. Francis Hotel.

Rehearsals.—Philharmonic Society, "Street Singer," Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Religious.—Lenten Service by Fr. Hugh McNulty, Catholic Cathedral, 6 p.m.

Social.—Cheero Club Contract Bridge and Mah Jong Drive 8 p.m.; Civil Service Whist Drive, 9.20 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. Women's Section Mah Jong morning, 9.45 a.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).
Sunrise.—6.30 a.m. Sunset.—6.34 p.m.

Moon.—II Moon, 6th Day.
Tides.—High at 1.45 and 12.52; Low at 5.08 and 20.23.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Cinema

King's:—"Camille."
Queen's:—"Smartest Girl in Town."
Central:—"Damaged Lives."
Oriental:—"Walking On Air."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Make Way For A Lady."
Majestic:—"Bengal Tiger."
Star:—"Crime Of Dr. Forbes."
Sports.—(See Page 10).

LAWYER SEEKS REDRESS

S.M.C. Blockade Sequel

Shanghai, Mar. 17. S. Y. Yih, a Chinese lawyer resident in the blockaded area, has filed a suit with the Consular Body for an injunction to prevent the Shanghai Municipal Council from continuing the blockade.

Yih states that he has paid his taxes and reserves the right to claim damages for wrongful debarment from Municipal privileges.

Meanwhile the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Chinese authorities in Shanghai are reported to be on the verge of an agreement heralding the end of the blockade.—Reuter.

discussion affecting the assets of the Spanish Government, including the gold of the Bank of Spain. A debate ensued but no solution was reached.

Further outstanding questions, not directly affecting the launching of the supervision scheme, were down for discussion but the Italian and German representatives refused to proceed with these matters in view of the deadlock on the financial aid question.—British Wireless.

NON-INTERVENTION DEADLOCK

London, Mar. 16.

A deadlock was reached at a meeting of the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee this morning when the question of financial aid to either side in Spain was discussed. The deadlock covers every matter now outstanding.

A Soviet Note, sent to Lord Plymouth, Chairman of the Committee, stated that Russia was willing to discuss the question of financial assistance to Spain, in principle, but refused to agree to any discussion affecting the assets of

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TWO WIVES IN ONE PORT

During the hearing of a charge of bigamy against a petty officer at Exeter Assizes recently, it was stated that both "wives" lived in Plymouth.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten—it is the first time I have heard of a sailor with two wives in one port. (Laughter).

the Spanish Government, including the gold of the Bank of Spain. There was a lengthy debate on this question, without any solution being reached.

In view of the deadlock on this matter, the Italian and German representatives were unwilling to agree to the discussion of any further outstanding questions, including that of the withdrawal of volunteers.—Reuter.

NORTH CHINA SMUGGLING

Further Questions in Commons

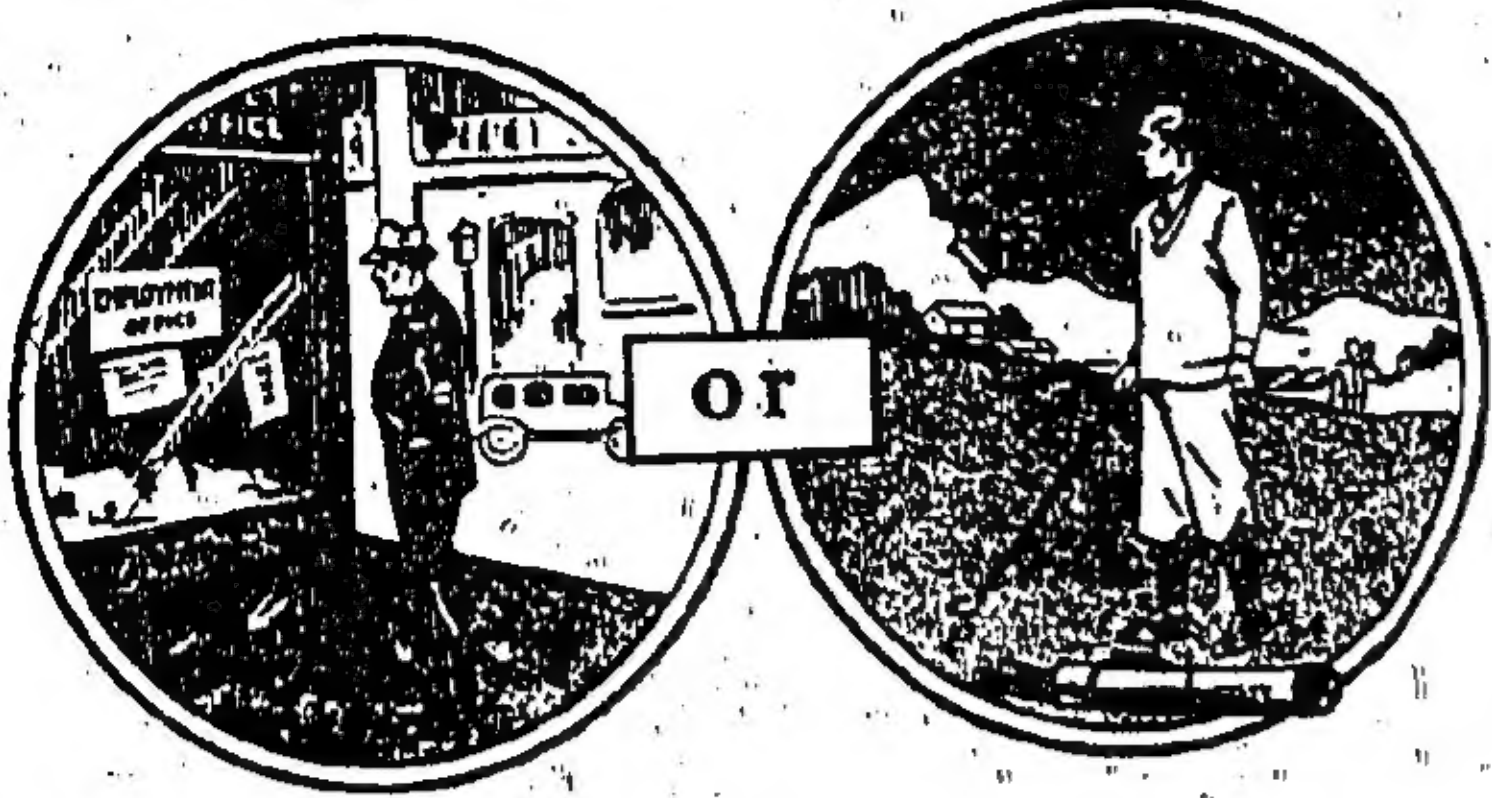
London, Mar. 16.

The question of smuggling in North China was again raised in the House of Commons question time when Lord Cranborne, in a written reply to Sir Walter Smiles, said the attention of the Japanese Government had been repeatedly drawn by the Ambassador to the general question of smuggling.

He was sure that details of the remedy could best be dealt with by the various authorities concerned. The essential point was that the Chinese Preventive Services should be allowed freedom to operate effectively, and this point had been constantly emphasised by the Ambassador.—Reuter.

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SIR AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN

Sudden Death In London

London, Mar. 16. Sir Austin Chamberlain, veteran British Parliamentarian, and one of the Fathers of the Locarno Treaty, died suddenly to-day at his London residence. He had been confined to the house for the past few days, and passed away of heart failure at six o'clock.—*Reuter*



Sir Austin was born in Birmingham in October, 1863, as the eldest son of the famous politician, Joseph Chamberlain and his first wife. Educated at Rugby, Cambridge, Paris and Berlin, he entered the House of Commons in 1892 and in 1893 became Junior Unionist Whip, an office he exchanged in 1895 for that of Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

After the "khaki" election of 1900 he was made Financial Secretary to the Treasury. When Balfour became Premier in 1901, he entered the Cabinet as Postmaster-General.

During the War he joined the coalition Cabinet as Secretary for India, thus becoming responsible for the Mesopotamian campaign.

At the League in 1927 he strongly defended the British refusal to undertake the commitments of the proposed Geneva Protocol, pointing out that the British Empire consisted of a number of self-governing people which might not see eye to eye on the matter, and declaring that, if it came to the point, he would put the unity of the Empire before the League.

In June, 1933, he disclosed that he once declined to serve as Viceroy of India—a decision he had never failed to regret.

At the age of 70 he was badly bruised when two taxicabs collided and the one in which he was a passenger overturned.

His chief recreation was gardening.

Lady Chamberlain had a great influence on his career. It was she who arranged the pleasure trip on the lake at Locarno which proved to be the turning point in the success of the conference. Although she was an excellent political hostess, she was happiest when away from politics in her beautiful house at Twitist Ghyll, Sussex. She was largely responsible for the great Italian art exhibition in London.

WARM TRIBUTES

London, March 17.—Political opponents and friends and the newspapers vie with one another in paying warm tributes to Sir Austin Chamberlain and they point out that with the exception of Mr. Lloyd George, he was longer in the House of Commons than anybody else in the world.

The tributes generally mention Locarno as his greatest achievement. Major Attlee declared that "we have lost a great Parliamentarian and a very great gentleman."

The "Times" says that he never failed to show the high qualities which is the proudest possession of this country in its political leaders. The "Daily Herald" says that "his integrity was superb and such men, of whatever creed and party, are a priceless asset to the nation. Britain and the Empire are the poorer by his loss."—*Reuter*

JAPAN'S NAVY DECISION

Tokyo, Mar. 17. Japan will shortly notify Britain that the limitation of naval gun calibres to fourteen inches is unacceptable. The decision has been made on the ground that qualitative limitation, without simultaneous restriction of tonnage, is contrary to the true spirit of disarmament.—*Reuter*

DISAGREEMENT OVER WESTERN PACT

German Note Unacceptable

London, Mar. 16. The hardening of the points of disagreement between Germany on the one hand with Britain, and the other with France over the form of the new Western Pact is the result of the German Locarno Note over which it makes two concrete proposals, firstly that Belgian neutrality should be guaranteed by the four Western powers—Britain, France, Italy and Germany, and secondly, a non-aggression pact between France and Germany, with Britain and Italy as guarantors and coarbiters to decide who is the aggressor in the event of a conflict between the two.

In regard to Belgium, it is understood that although the word neutrality was not actually mentioned in the Note, a complicated diplomatic formula was used amounting to the same thing.

The German plan is that the four Powers should give identical guarantees to Belgium that there should be no General Staff arrangements unless it was made openly with all the four Powers concerned, and that France should have no right to transmit troops through Belgium under Article XVI and that Belgium should not assist France or any other country under the League Covenant.

It is insisted that the Franco-German non-aggression pact should be valid under all circumstances. In other words Germany does not admit exceptions specifically allowed under the old treaty whereby action under Article XVI of the Covenant was legitimate.

BRITISH SECURITY

The proposal to make Britain and Italy co-arbiters in the event of aggression was in the previous German Locarno Note and had already been rejected by Britain. The note thus rejects the whole principle of mutual assistance in the west, particularly the British request that Britain should have its own security guaranteed as well as being guarantor of France and Britain.

Generally, the Note, although courteous and not specifically mentioning the Franco-Soviet Pact, leaves difficulties where they stood before, namely that Germany still wants to immobilise the west and all western action under the League Covenant in order to have a free hand in the east.

This thesis is likely to be unacceptable to France and Britain. The only line of advance now left open is to take the problem of Belgian neutrality in isolation and try to settle it without either a western or general settlement.—*Reuter*

HIS MAJESTY'S CIVIL LIST

Message To House Of Commons

London, Mar. 16. A message from His Majesty the King, brought to the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and read by the Speaker, stated that demise of the Crown rendered it necessary that renewed provision be made to the Civil List and added that "His Majesty places unreservedly at the disposal of the House of Commons those hereditary revenues which were so placed by his predecessor and has commanded that where necessary for the consideration of the subject, it shall be laid before the House."

His Majesty desires that provision shall be made for His Majesty the Queen, and for His Majesty's children, other than Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, corresponding to the provision which the House of Commons has been willing to make in like circumstances in the past.

His Majesty also desires that suitable provision shall be made for Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and for His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. It is, however, His Majesty's intention, so long as the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall are vested in himself, to make that provision for Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, and insofar as these are sufficient to provide for His Majesty's Civil List, and in the event of the birth of a Duke of Cornwall, to assent to the arrangements similar to those which were assented to by his predecessor.

His Majesty recommends the consideration of these several matters to his faithful House of Commons and relies on their attachment to his person and family to adopt such measures as may be suitable for the occasion.—*British Wireless*

London, Mar. 16. The wishes of His Majesty the King and the Government with regard to the new Civil List were announced in the House of Commons this afternoon, when Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented, a royal message on the subject to the Speaker, who read it.

The message stated that the King desired provision to be made for the Queen and children other than Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester.

It was His Majesty's intention, so long as the revenues from the Duchy of Cornwall were vested in himself, to make provision for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester insofar as the revenues were sufficient to provide for His Majesty's Civil List, and in the event of the birth of a Duke of Cornwall, to assent to arrangements similar to those assented to by his predecessor.—*Reuter*

CORONATION PROCESSION

Over 32,000 Troops To Take Part

London, Mar. 16. No fewer than 32,500 members of the defence forces will participate in the Coronation procession and in lining the streets, stated Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord President of the Council in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. MacDonald announced that there would be detachments of the Royal Navy, the Naval Reserves, the Territorial Armies, the Royal Air Force and the Auxiliary Air Force. The Indian Army and Navy would also be represented, as also would be the Dominions by contingents, besides the permanent and Volunteer Colonial Defence Forces. In addition, 6,500 men would be

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required for reserves and administrative duties.

All the forces required for the Coronation, said Mr. MacDonald, would be encamped in London from May 10 until May 13, the day after the Coronation. The procession would take forty minutes to pass a given point. Composite guards of honour from the three Services would be mounted outside Buckingham Palace and the west door of Westminster Abbey.—*Reuter*

Burmese contingents in Hampton Court, and the Colonial troops would be accommodated in London barracks.

The length of the procession from Westminster Abbey would be 3,500 yards, and the procession would take forty minutes to pass a given point. Composite guards of honour from the three Services would be mounted outside Buckingham Palace and the west door of Westminster Abbey.—*Reuter*

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Influence Of The Press On Public Opinion

(Continued from Page 1.)

Now we rush down the corridors of time, past all those interesting places where we see people paying small coins to handle for a stipulated time a publication known in Italy as the "Gazetta" and by other names in other countries where the smallest coin was not known as a "gazetta," until we arrive at that great not entirely glorious period in British progress when the "news letter" came into being by means of Pot Houses. One should pause here of purpose and repeat the pregnant words—Pot Houses—because as Pot Houses were the fore-runners of "Pubs," so were "news letters" the forerunners of Leading Articles, Special Articles and originally genuine "straight" news articles coloured by the comments which should be proper only to Leading Articles and Special Articles.

FAMOUS JOURNALISTS

It was Addison who combined with Steele to make the "news letter" the popular, and consequently powerful, feature which the Press eventually became. These two worthies lived in stirring times, and by that I mean times when people were trying to think for them. There was a great thirst for news, and it was local news they wanted to the exclusion practically of all other. Addison and Steele did their splendid best to quench that thirst, and their "news letters" were similar in many striking respects to the "exclusive" information which the great metropolitan newspapers of the world publish to-day with the magic title of confession, "From our Special Correspondent."

From what one can gather by a diligent perusal of the doings of those times, most of the "exclusive" information came from the then Pot Houses and Clubs—and in that order.

The point I wish to make is that whilst those "news letters" contained some facts, yet those facts were given a definite meaning by the comment which the gifted writers interspersed between the otherwise bald statements of fact. In a word, they, the writers, sought to mould public opinion according to the colour of the political party which they favoured.

Sometimes there were "leading articles," which were then known as "essays," added to the "news letters," and the purpose of those essays was to give force to the comments which had been injected by the writers into their news letters.

STARTLING HEADLINE

Then science took a hand; communications between various parts of the world were quickened. People in London did not think that Paris was so very far distant—if they ever did (for where there's a will there's a way), and so the doings of the "monster" Napoleon began to be included in much larger publications than the accustomed "news letter." As a result, what we term to-day "the broad sheet" was developed, and "the papers," as the eighteenth century called them for the first time, became resplendent with stories from "special emissaries" and other mysterious and important unmentionables. In those great days "The Times" started not only the medical profession but the entire British public with the startling headline, "The King of France, The Queen and all the members of the Royal Household CONFINED." And "The Times" wrote, such a leading article on the subject as to inflame still further the passions of the otherwise unimaginative British public.

FASIONS INFLAMED

The Power of the Press had arrived, and, significantly, I use the capitals for the first time. Hereafter they shall be taken for granted. How passions were inflamed in the breasts of nations in those early days gives the clue to the enormous and increasing influence of the Press on the hearts and minds of peoples in these days of more science and more so-called enlightenment.

How that power has developed through the good services of science and the doubtful services of gracefully termed "education" is so well known that I need emphasise nothing more than the magnificent Probates proved in favour of the heirs and successors of proprietors of newspapers, not only within the Empire, which, by the way, they (as newspaper owners) have assisted materially in "financing" so far but even outside that aforementioned Empire, to show you that the power of the Press is indeed great.

Now, at long last, I approach what I was billed to speak about,

namely, "The Press and Public Opinion," and, not merely as one who occupies Editorial rank, but as an humanitarian who firmly believes that a FREE PRESS is a saving grace to any community.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

I find the main difficulty in approaching this subject is because I realise that, as people who live under the British flag, we take most things for granted. We take the freedom of the Press for granted; but do any of us pause for one moment to contemplate the possible one-sidedness of our conception of world affairs if OUR Press was as manacled as that of Russia, Germany or Italy, to mention only three of the great countries of the world wherein the "freedom of the Press" is but a term and not a fact? Even including the United States of America, it can fairly be said that it is to-day ONLY WITHIN THE BRITISH EMPIRE THAT ACTUAL FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS ENJOYED, and the result is—or happens to be, as you care to regard the matter—that we, as Britishers, have a more serene, a more liberal outlook on life in general than the people of any other nation. Even in the matter of fairness to an accused person we observe that serenity of outlook which no other nation does. For instance, in America before an accused person stand trial, that person's most intimate (and usually unworthy) characteristics can and are paraded before the public in microscopic detail. In a word, the person accused can be pre-judged.

I cite this instance of the Power of the Press, or the influence of the Press on Public Opinion, simply because I wish to show one thing, namely that there is a Press in the world which, whilst demanding to the utmost limits its Freedom, observes its responsibilities.

I anticipate some of the objections which will be raised on this point. It will, for instance, be claimed that not, I think, maintained, that the influence of the Press on the Public can be abused. I ask one question. Has ever this privilege (and I regard the freedom of the British Press as such—for what right have we as working journalists to demand anything such?) been abused?

NOTABLE EXAMPLE

Within recent date there was that which, so some thought, might disrupt the British Empire.

I say, and I say with all the emphasis within my power, that no Press in the world was more free to discuss the domestic arrangements of a Monarch than was the Press of the Empire in regard to the Duke of Windsor and a certain American woman. What that meant within the greatest Empire known to History is now—well, it's just history. Every phase of the situation was traversed in news and in leading articles. Supposing Hitler or Mussolini (and this takes imagination) had involved themselves in some such trouble. Could the Press of those much-vaunted nations have enjoyed a similar freedom? I take upon myself, from a personal knowledge of the conduct of the Press in both those countries, to answer—No.

Yet, such is the honourable manner in which the British Press observes the decencies of its privilege, that it, never lowers its prestige by saying to the man who honours it by reading it, "Thou shalt not speak."

OPPOSITE VIEWS

I shall, I know, be pardoned for obtruding a personality in this case. The paper of which I have the honour of being Editor resolved upon a definite line of policy action in the case of the Duke of Windsor and his attitude towards well-known precedent and accepted conduct. When, subsequently, a clergyman of this Colony decided to deliver a very striking sermon on the same subject But taking an entirely different view, we published his sermon in full with a streamer headline right across the front page of our paper. That it was as diametrically opposed to the policy of our paper as the two Poles, mattered not one scrap: our view was that of the normal newspaperman, namely, We have our policy, and the Public has its viewpoint. May we be personal again? I think so, for it is pertinent.

I wrote a Leading Article on "Christianity and War"—an article which endeavoured to point out the futility of object pacifism and the justification of re-armament. A local clergyman delivered a vigorous and brilliant attack on

DIRECTOR OF B.B.C. TO VISIT HONG KONG

To Investigate Empire Broadcasting Problems

The Director of the B.B.C. Empire Service, Mr. J. B. Clark, is leaving England on May 7 on an extensive tour of the Empire. He expects to be in Hong Kong some two months later.

Mr. Clark intends to investigate a number of problems which mutually affect the B.B.C. Empire Broadcasting Services overseas, and other broadcasting organisations in the Empire.

Mr. Clark will stay in Malta from May 11 until May 16. During the Coronation week in Hong Kong, he will be able to observe the reception of the programmes to be broadcast by the B.B.C.

Mr. Clark will visit the following Territories: Ceylon, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Malaya, India, Palestine, Cyprus and Gibraltar.

Mr. Clark has had many years of experience in British Broadcasting. He joined the B.B.C. in 1924, and during his service he was appointed Empire Programme Director in 1932, promoted to the position of Director of the Empire Service in 1935 and when he succeeded Mr. C. G. Graves—now Controller of programmes for the whole of the B.B.C. organisation.

DOCKYARD TRAGEDY

Lee Hoi, a dockyard employee, fell to his death in one of the holds of the steamer Sagres early yesterday morning. The Sagres was in Cosmopolitan Dock when the tragedy occurred. Lee Hoi was working on the dock and apparently leaned over the open hatchway to speak to someone below. For some unascertained reason he lost his foothold on the deck and tumbled over. He was instantly killed.

That very article, and we published it on the front page of our paper with a "streamer headline," thus giving it such publicity as our Leading Article never had.

PUBLICITY LIMELIGHT

There was a Dysentery Scourge in this Colony but recently, and we gave the fullest publicity to its incidence regardless of the consequences; we gained many eulogistic letters, but we also gained much adverse commentary. When, at the height of the trouble, we assigned a reporter to ask a certain Government official in a responsible position what he "had to report about the matter," and told our representative to "Get the Hell out of this (his office)," we published the fact, and eventually there was a full and detailed report on the matter, as a direct result of this publicity.

INCREASING INFLUENCE

I could continue citing many instances from my own personal experience where the Press has influenced public opinion for the benefit of the public, but I must also confess that there are very many instances on record which show in a most unpleasant way how the mighty power of the Press has been abused in a manner so shameful and yet shameless that it would appear at first sight that there is a very good case for the more strict supervision of the Press, if not for the imposition of a mild form of censorship.

I think it may fairly be contended, however, that the British Press as a whole offers an example of good taste and incorruptibility to the world which manifests in no mean manner that the phrase "British fair play" is a definite factor in moulding the national character. To lessen in any way whatsoever that hard-won freedom of the British Press would endanger a truly great achievement, and it would offer a menace of the most urgent character to the free expression of public opinion.

If the public in any instance considers that this great power of the press is ever being abused, then it has in its hands the most devastating remedy—withdrawal of patronage. Consequently, one is entitled to argue, that whilst a newspaper receives the support of the public then its power is being well wielded and the responsiveness of the public is proof that it is appreciated.

A trustworthy and trusted Press is the greatest bulwark for Democracy. Its power, based on its reputation, is undisputedly great, and it is significant that its influence upon an intelligent Democracy is increasing.

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Programme For This Evening

The following programme will be presented by the Chinese Choral Society at their concert this evening:

Part Song:
Rolling down to Rio—German.
Violin Solos:
Second movement from Concerto by Max Bruch.

Prue Lewis
Old Scottish Cradle Song:
O can ye sew cushions—Arr.
Bantock.

Solos:
Oh yes, just so—Bach.
I forget what I am, what I'm doing—Mozart.

Eva Turner
Part Song:
The Traction Engine—Marchant.

Duets:
(a) I would that my love—Mendelssohn.
(b) The Snow—Elgar.

Eva Turner and Gladys Shaw
Madrigal:
Fine knacks for ladies—Dowland.

Solos:
(a) True Love—Brahms.
(b) Blue bells from the clearings—Walker.

Gladys Shaw
Welsh Folk Song:
All through the night—Arr.
Chambers.

Somerset Folk Song:
O, No John—Arr. Thlman.
Chinese National Anthem
God Save the King

DEATH OF SHANGHAI CRICKETER

News was received in the Colony yesterday of the death of E. G. Barnes, a former Shanghai cricket interpreter, at St. Marie's Hospital, Shanghai, on March 13.

The deceased was 49 years of age and had retired from active cricket three years ago. At the time of his demise he was the manager of Messrs. Harvey, Cook & Co., Shanghai.

He was a widower and leaves a son, aged 17, and a daughter, 12, to mourn his death.

LOCAL BOY DIES IN SCOTLAND

Master George Spence

News was received in Hong Kong yesterday of the death of Master George Spence, aged 10, and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spence, of the Hong Kong and Macao Steamboat Company. The death occurred at Paisley, Scotland, where Mrs. Spence has been residing for the past three years with her children.

The boy had been suffering with internal trouble for a considerable

WEDDINGS

Three Ceremonies Yesterday

McKellar—Ferguson

A pretty wedding took place at the Hong Kong Union Church yesterday afternoon between Mr. A. McKellar, C. A. of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, and Miss Catherine M. Ferguson, of "Courtlands," Kennedy Road. The Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow officiated. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was given away by Mr. M. T. Johnson, while the Matron of Honour was Mrs. N. M. Currie and the bridesmaids, the Misses Bell and Wallace. The bride's ensemble was by Madame Chiffon. The duties of best man were discharged by Mr. G. Milne.

After the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel after which the happy couple left for Repulse Bay where the honeymoon is being spent.

SULLIVAN-GEORGE

The wedding of Miss Margaret Olwin George to Mr. William Sullivan, of the Hong Kong Police, took place yesterday at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The bride looked charming in a dress of white spotted tulle with underdress of palest pink satin. Her veil of embroidered tulle was held in place by orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of Arum lilies.

The bride was given away by her father, and three dainty little girls were the bridesmaids, Dagmar Rohel, Molra Paley, and Rosemary Ann Read, who were dressed in pale pink, mauve, and blue tulle over slips of matching satin, and carried bouquets of sweetpeas which went well with their flower-like frocks.

The Matron of Honour was the bride's twin-sister, Mrs. Stephens, who looked remarkably nice in blue moire taffeta with accessories of a darker shade. The bride's mother wore a tunic dress of brown silk crepe and a brown hat to match.

After the wedding a reception was held at the house of the bride's parents, and her "going-away" costume was a delightful ensemble of green wool crepe relieved with brown.

KAN-YOUNG

A quiet wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon between Mr. Kan Chee Leuk, son of the late Mr. Kan Tat Tsai, J.P., and Miss Iris Mui Ha Young, daughter of Mr. Young Kam Wa, of 18A, Village Road, Wongmehchung. The Rev. Lee Kau Yan, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, officiated.

time, and hope for his recovery was abandoned some weeks ago.

Mrs. Spence was to have returned to Hong Kong early this year.

Complete Colour Film Of Coronation

TO BE SHOWN IN HONG KONG
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The Colony will see a complete colour film of the processions and Coronation ceremony on May 18. The King and Queen will be crowned in Westminster Abbey on May 12 and the films will be shown here on May 18.

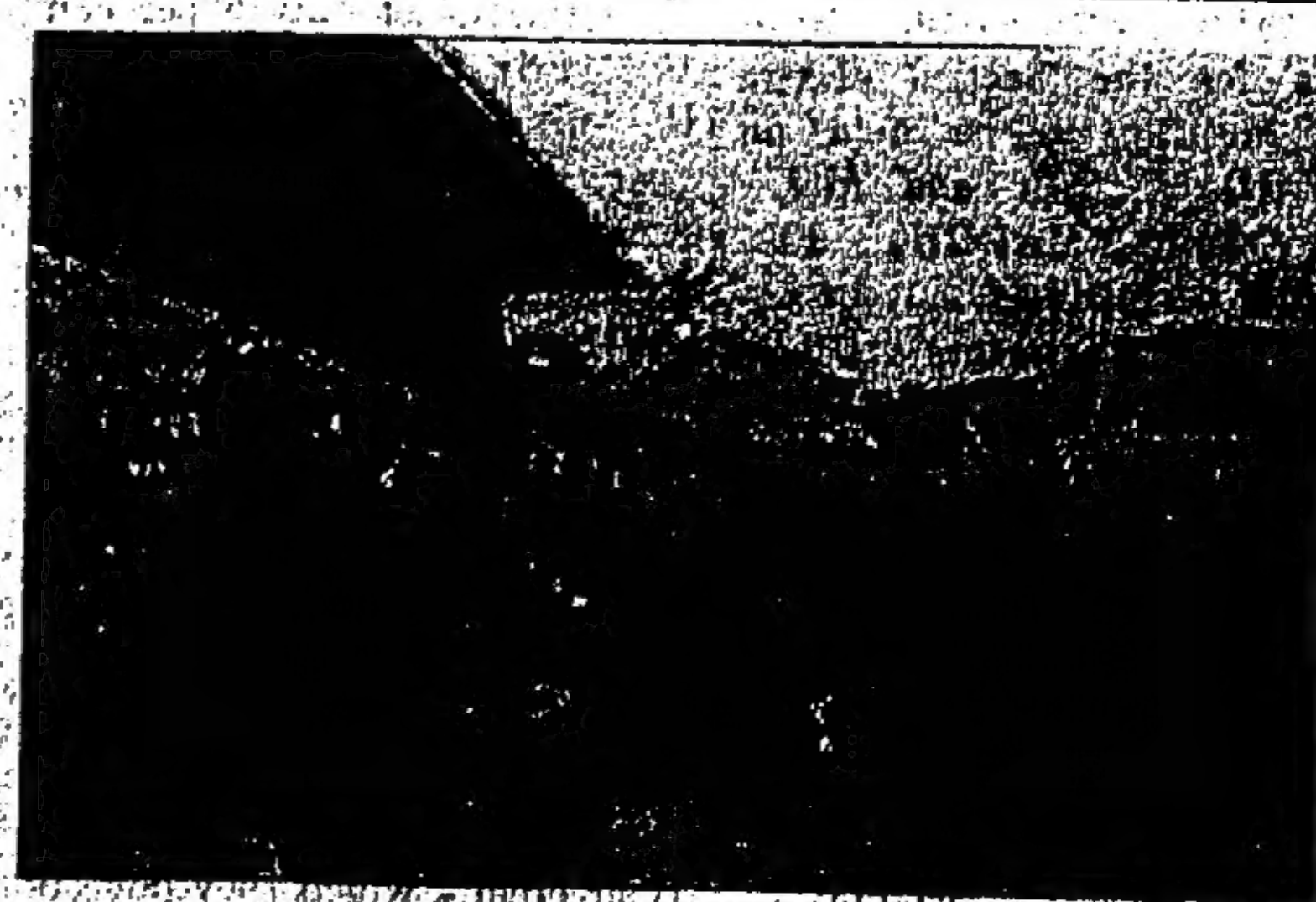
The great film companies in London and New York are co-operating in a plan to out-hustle all previous hustles.

These films will be screened at the King's, Alhambra and Queen's Theatre on the day of its arrival. They will occupy a full programme.

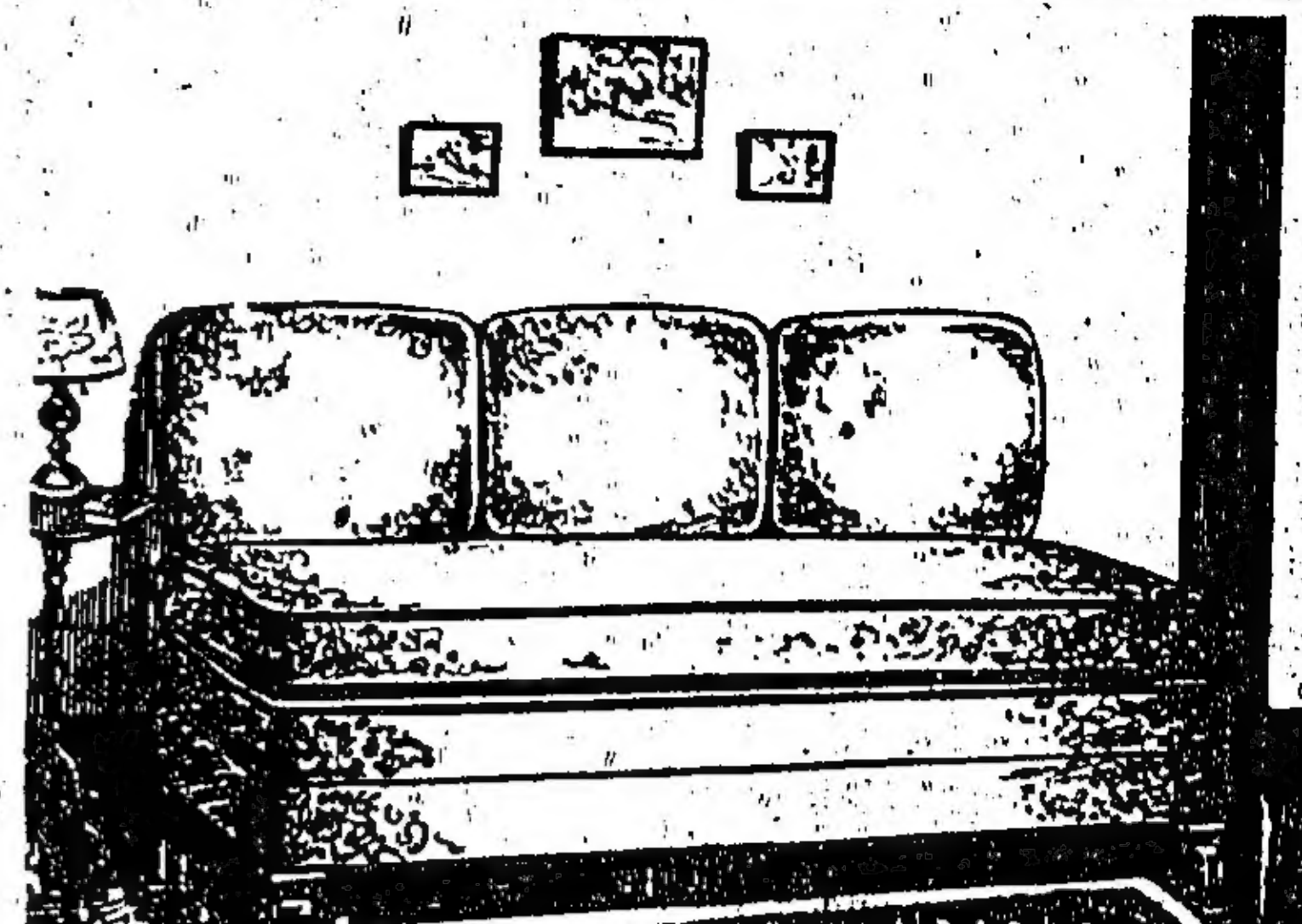
Mrs. Amy Mollison and Mrs. Beryl Mayham have expressed their willingness to fly the Atlantic with the pictures.

Plans have already been made for the German airship Hindenburg to fly copies of the film to the United States. The great Zeppelin will leave Frankfurt on the night of the Coronation and will arrive in New York two days later.

It is a race between the airship, which is obviously not so speedy as planes, but is sure, and the small planes, fast going but very dangerous.



Photograph shows Mrs. Tam Pearce and Mr. Paul Hodgson at the Races last Saturday.



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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 25th March, 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1936.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th to the 25th March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1937.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of KER GEORGE RUSSELL VAIZEY, late of Star Sile, Halstead in the County of Essex and of 26, Cornwall Gardens in the County of Middlesex in the United Kingdom, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 9th April, 1937.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executors,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of March, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-second Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 9th to 23rd March, 1937, both Days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1937.
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THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-sixth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of The Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 2nd day of April, 1937, at 11.30 a.m.

The Register of Members will be closed from the 25th day of March to the 2nd day of April, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of
The Board of Directors,
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Secretaries,
Hong Kong, 15th Mar., 1937.
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In the Goods of MORRISON BROWN YUNG Mining Engineer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 8th April, 1937.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that day.

Dated the 15th day of March, 1937.

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Solicitors for the Administrator.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHANGHAI & HONGKOW WHARF CO., LTD.

A dividend of \$6. per share has been declared.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Shanghai on the 28th April. Transfer Books will be closed from 17th April to 28th April both days inclusive.

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DEATHS

THOMPSON.—On March 11, 1937, at the Paulun Hospital, May Carline, aged 23 years, the dearly-beloved eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson and sister of Violet, Charles, Geoffrey and Beaty.

LEBSCH.—On March 9, 1937 accidentally, at Henli, Gustav Liebsch, aged 36 years. Removed to the Parloirs of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Klaochow Road.

ILEANA.—On March 11, 1937, at the Shanghai General Hospital, Mrs. Lydia Ileana (Qualified Nurse), aged 37 years.

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GERMAN DEBTS

One midsummer day in 1931 the Danat Bank and, following it, all the German banks suspended payments after a "run" by foreign creditors. Then the representatives of the foreign creditors of Germany of various classes consented by stages to deferring repayment of debts due to them. Out of approximately £1,300,000,000 of "non-reparations" German indebtedness to abroad, about one-quarter was found to be debts or guaranteed obligations of German banks to foreign banks. The foreign bankers set up an international committee, which negotiated with the German bankers a "standstill" or moratorium agreement about this block of debt, which was represented either by short-dated bills drawn by German banks and countersigned by British or other foreign banks ("acceptance credits") or by overdrafts repayable at short notice.

No doubt, however, many of those who had advanced money by these methods to or through the German banks were not greatly incommoded by agreeing to defer repayment for a year, provided that their own creditors—for in finance almost everyone is both lender and borrower—took no alarm at their weakened position.

After a preliminary period of six months, on March 1, 1932, the debtors asked for and received another year's deferment and undertook to make a cash repayment of 10 per cent. Again in March, 1933, they obtained a further year, this time promising a repayment of only 5 per cent. But early in 1934, in renewing the usual demand for another year, they made no offer of cash repayment, nor yet in 1935 and 1936. When the delegates from the British banks and other foreign banks went to Berlin early in February to meet the demand for yet a further renewal they were strongly advised this time to press for a measure of repayment. If they did so press, it was unavailing. The German debtors consented to no more than a cancellation of parts of their credits which they have not used in recent years, but which,

CHINA KEEPS WATCHFUL EYE

Japanese Activities In North China

Shanghai, Mar. 17. The attention of Chinese political circles is again focused on the activities of Japan in North China as the result of two developments, firstly the presentation of a series of Japanese demands to Sung Chen-yuan in connection with the alleged killing of two Korean smugglers by the Chinese militia men, and secondly the conference of Japanese military officials in Tientsin.

The demands include the ban of use of firearms against "special traders," and also the usual punitive and indemnity clauses. It is understood that the main subject in the Tientsin conference is the activities of Japanese secret service agents in North China.

Major-General Kita, the Japanese Military Attaché, is expected at Tientsin from Nanking tomorrow in order to report to the Conference the result of his discussions with the Chinese authorities in Nanking and Kaileng regarding the Chengchow espionage case.

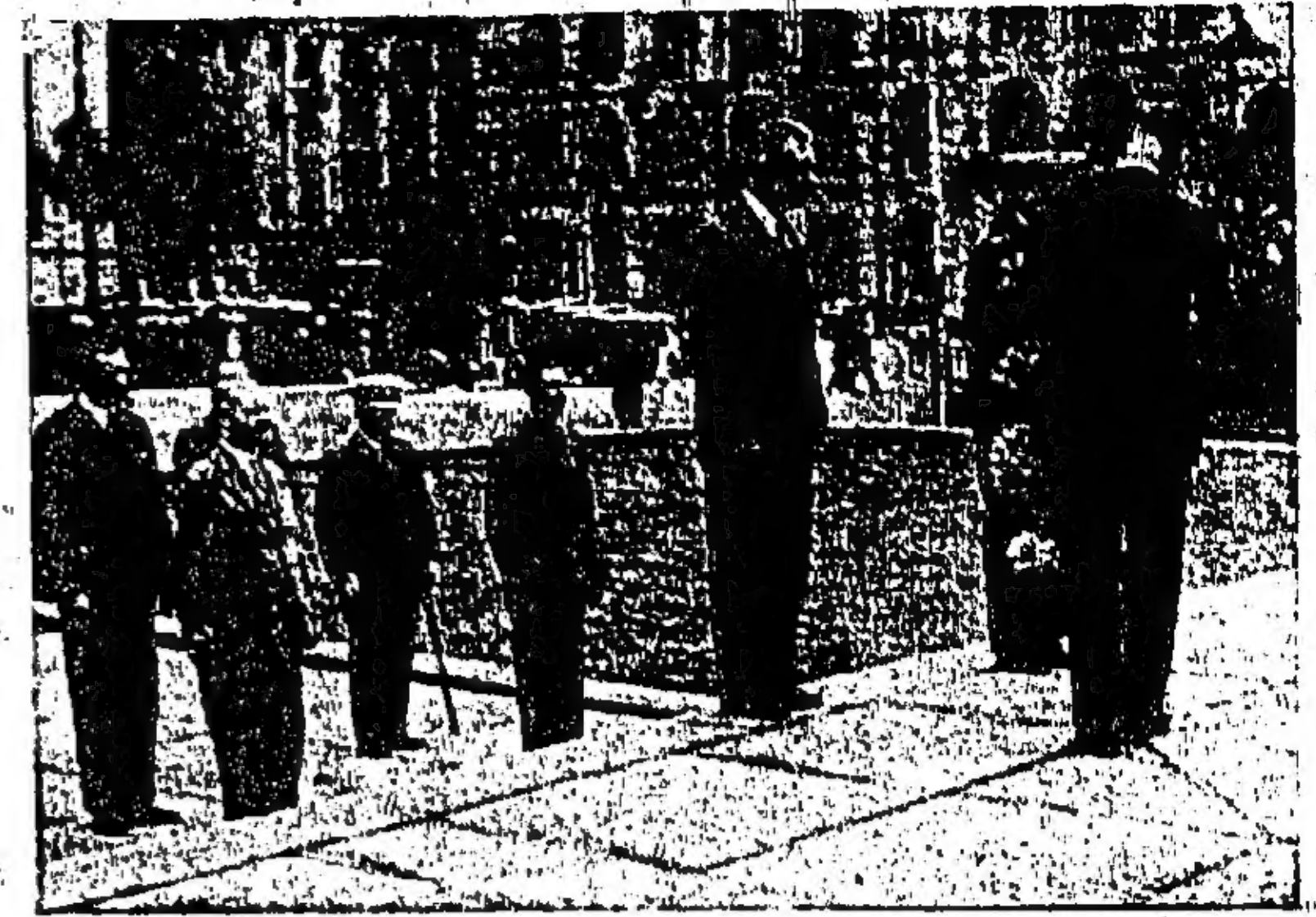
Meanwhile the Japanese Economic Mission has returned to Shanghai from Nanking after discussing the question of Sino-Japanese co-operation with Government officials.—
Reuter.

under the previous agreements, they were still entitled to draw upon.

But despite these refusals of repayment the total of German bank debt to foreign banks provided for in the standstill agreement is far from being now the same as in 1931 less a mere 15 per cent. Expressed in German marks it is little over one-fifth of the original total. By the 15 per cent repayment and the subsequent 40 per cent depreciation of other currencies on the mark the German bank debt has been about halved. A further approximate halving of this diminished total results from most of the creditors having accepted repayments by the "register" or "travel" mark method at a very large loss.

A foreign bank owed £800 by a German banking creditor is nominally its creditor, at the present official exchange, for about 10,000 marks. It cannot get these marks repaid in sterling at the official rate, but is permitted to sell them to tourists for about £400 and to recoup this sum from the Reichsbank in satisfaction of its £800 claim. Most of the creditors have made a large use of this permission, and the total claims in marks were thus halved during the last three years. But the British creditors have, on the whole, refused so to cut their losses. Their claims under the standstill agreement are still rather over £40,000,000, compared with £43,000,000 two years ago. The London money market continues to discount these bills, which make up perhaps one-quarter of the entire volume of commercial bills circulating in the London market. But should the money market houses, behind which stands the Bank of England, ever refuse to take these bills when brought to them for discount by exporters to Germany who in that way get their payment, then the acceptors, themselves would have to put up the money without being able to get it from the ultimate debtor. For the clearing banks, who are acceptors for about one-third, and some of the other stronger acceptors this would be no more than a rather inconvenient loss: for some of the others it might mean going out of business.

The City of London has had to deal with defaulting foreign debtors since Napoleonic times, dispatching emissaries to inform the local politicians and bankers that unless they drew up a scheme for repayment of existing debts and gave signs of doing



The above photograph was taken yesterday on the occasion of the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph by Mr. E. H. Williams, President of St. Patrick's Society.—(Photo by King's Studio)

Mimic Warfare In Progress

(Continued from Page 1.)

bivouacked some ten miles east of Shataukok. Civilians say that these are Blue troops, but their identity cannot be verified.

Last night passed without incident. Officer Commanding, Kumaon Rifles, in the absence of Volunteer elements, pushed out a detachment to the shores of Starling Inlet.

This afternoon some sixty Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps personnel report for duty at Mainland Headquarters. Among these will be the motorized troop and Captain Potts, the Armoured Car Section and certain machine gun sub-units, and some greatly needed motor despatch rider personnel belonging to the Volunteer Signals sub-unit. Of even greater significance to Redland's defence will be personnel of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force to augment Redland's Naval patrol organization.

The organized life of the Colony continues without undue disturbances. The activities of the Food Controller reported yesterday do not interfere with the ability to purchase in the shops and retail establishments; consequently there are no serious attempts to hoard food.

The Banks continue firm. Recruiting Centres for enrolment in the Volunteers are busy night and day, in spite of the prevalent influenza, and men are being equipped and drafted to their allotted report centres. Personnel of St. John Ambulance Brigade are being drafted to military centres in the field as well as in the military hospitals. Thanks to the willingness of the medical and other students at the University, the requirements of the Civil Medical organization are being satisfactorily met.

Redland's degree of readiness is being developed. In spite of the first hostile bombs the Red population is calm and firm.

their utmost to produce the sums in default by increasing their exports they need never expect financial accommodation in London again.

The emissary, however, according to the best London traditions, would sympathetically review the alleged reasons for the temporary default, and in certain circumstances a reduced rate of interest and a prolonged period for repayment would be conceded. The framers of the first standstill agreement and of the other moratorium arrangements for the advantage of Germany were acting in that spirit, expecting an effort on the German side to earn the surpluses of foreign currency necessary for the belated honouring at least in part of the defaulted obligations.

Nor can Germany be accused of neglecting to earn an export surplus these last five years. According to the official figures a surplus of about £50,000,000 was realised on merchandise trade in 1936.

By the measure of previous years German currency receipts from tourism, shipping, and so on should have sufficed to pay the current interest bill due to abroad, leaving the merchandise surplus available for debt repayments. The foreign delegates at this latest standstill conference were, however, told blankly that Germany has no foreign exchange

NEW EDUCATION EFFORTS

Prof. Chang Talks On China

A large gathering attended the University Union last night when Professor P. C. Chang gave a lecture on "New Education Efforts in China."

Among those present were Sir William Hornell, Vice Chancellor of the University, and Professor L. Forster.

Professor Chang mentioned that he hoped that when the new Canton Hankow Railway is established the students of Hong Kong would pay a visit to the North to improve their education by travelling and seeing different places.

He mentioned that they are trying to instal radio equipment in schools and Universities as this would greatly improve the education of students, as they would be able to hear the various subjects based on the different continents. This plan would be commenced in the Spring by all the leading Universities in China: Professor Chang added that he was very pleased that this has been considered as he himself had made the suggestion.

He also mentioned that the leading motor magnate of to-day Mr. Henry Ford started his business by collecting old engines dated as far back as 200 years ago, and had them in working order, and in this way he taught his employees how to lead up to the magnificent cars he has on the market to-day. By bringing this up he wanted to point out that it was no good for the students in the Engineering Department to just study their books but to go right into the making of the machines in the manner Mr. Ford had done.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS
At the conclusion of the lecture Sir William Hornell spoke on behalf of the University by saying that he was very pleased that Professor Chang had chosen the University as a place for his lecture. He said that he quite agreed with the points in lecture and could find nothing to debate on. He mentioned that the Colony and the British Dominion are doing all in their power to advance education in China. (Applause.)

Professor Chang said that it was a great honour for him to give his lecture in the University and thanked Sir William Hornell for the occasion and compliments paid to him.

THEFT REPORTED

The theft of money, jewellery and clothing, to the total value of \$120.70, from 230, Queen's Road Central was reported to the police yesterday.

available for such purposes. And this is no doubt true.

The economic recovery of Germany since 1932 has been pressed forward by the Government with the determination in the first place to get some 6,000,000 men re-employed not as productively as possible but as quickly as possible and in the second place to reconstitute Germany's military power in Europe, giving economic considerations, as official spokesmen acknowledge, the second place.

Whether, given peace, the German military "new deal" can work round into an economic equilibrium, leaving sums available for debt repayment, not only the London banks but all Europe is waiting to see.

FIFTY-THOUSAND-TON BATTLESHIP FORECAST IN BRITISH NAVAL CIRCLES

Sequel To Japan's Rejection Of Gun Limitation

London, March 17.
A fifty-thousand-ton battleship is gloomily forecast in naval circles as the result of Japan's rejection of the London Naval Treaty limitation to fourteen-inch guns. The report in this connection greatly disappoints naval circles who had hoped that the recent changes in the Japanese Government would have been accompanied by a more conciliatory attitude than shown at the London Conference in 1935.

It is understood that France and Italy welcome the limitation. Russia and Germany are well disposed towards it, but they are awaiting Japan's decision.

America has accepted reluctantly. It is now regarded as certain that she will instal sixteen-inch guns on the two new battleships to be laid down in July.

The Americans believe that sixteen-inch guns can be installed on a 35,000-ton ship without sacrifice of protective armour. British experts, by experience gained on H.M.S. Rodney and Hood, emphatically deny this. Hence still larger ships are deemed to be inevitable.

Reuter.

AIR LINER CRASHES

Disaster In Snow And Sleet

London, Mar. 18.
While engaged in a night flight from Croydon to Cologne, the Imperial Airways liner, Jupiter, crashed twenty-five miles west of Cologne. A gale, accompanied by snow and sleet, was blowing. News of the disaster was conveyed to the House of Commons by the Under Secretary for Air who stated that three occupants of the machine, Captain Holmes, the pilot, Mr. Langman, the wireless operator, and Mr. Wolley Dod, Imperial Airways' European Manager, who was the only passenger, are dead. No mails were on board, the cause of the accident is not yet determined.

British Wireless.

NAZI INFLUENCE IN POLITICS

Southwest Africa Takes Stern Measures

Capetown, Mar. 17.
The Union Government is framing a proclamation giving the administrator of Southwest Africa almost dictatorial powers to eradicate National Socialism from the territory including powers to deport persons attempting to exert Nazi influence in politics or terrorism or intimidating others. Persons ordered to be deported will not have the right to give evidence or appeal to the Union. Citizens also be will be dealt with severely if guilty of such practices.

Reuter.

SIT DOWN STRIKERS DEFY COURT ORDER

Chrysler Plants Occupied

Detroit, March 17.
The Chrysler sit-down strikers are holding positions in eight plants in defiance of the Court order to evacuate by 2 p.m. G.M.T. The pickets carry placards reading: "We refuse to move and will die before we do."

Reuter.

CANTON'S NEW FINANCE COMMISSIONER

Shanghai, March 18.
Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the National Economic Council left for Nanking by aeroplane today to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in connection with the coming departure of the Finance Minister Dr. Kung Chang-hsi for England to attend the Coronation of H.M. King George VI and the filling of the vacancy. It is reported that the present Vice-Minister of Finance Mr. Chu Lam will be transferred to Canton to take the place of Mr. T. L. Soong as Finance Commissioner, and that he will depart for Canton in a few days.

Chinese Evening Press.

CORONATION PAGEANT

Home And Overseas Contingents

London, March 17.
The number of officers and men from Home and overseas in the Coronation procession and lining of streets will be about 32,500.

In the procession, will be detachments from the Royal Navy and Naval Reserves from all corps and units of the Regular and Territorial Armies and from the Royal Air Force and Auxiliary Air Force, the Navy providing 4,000 and Air Force 3,000 men.

The Indian Army and Navy will also be represented. Contingents from the Dominions will take part in the procession and also a contingent representing the permanent and volunteer defence forces in the Colonial Empire.

In addition some 6,500 men will be required for reserves and administrative duties.

The length of the return procession from Westminster Abbey will be approximately 3,500 yards and will take 45 minutes to pass a given point.

Composite guards of honour from the three Services will be mounted at Buckingham Palace and outside Westminster Abbey.

Bands including the service band from Canada will take part in the procession and a band will also be stationed along the route.

A party of fifty of the King's Company of Grenadiers will be present in the Abbey.

British Wireless.

RUBBER PRICE TO RISE?

'Financial Times' Views

London, March 17.
Prospects of rubber scarcity have been little alleviated by the Committee's decision, says the "Financial Times." The demand for rubber at present is increasing at a rate faster than can be produced. There is no reason to suppose that the possibility of boom-like conditions in the near future can altogether be ruled out.

The "Financial Times" says that for many months ahead the relationship between supply and demand is likely to be strongly in favour of rising prices. It is by no means inconceivable that the price will rise over four shillings as in 1925. At the worst it promises to remain at over a shilling for the remainder of the year if not considerably longer.

If this view is correct the share market has better prospects than any other section of the Stock Exchange.

Reuter.

U.S. AND NEUTRALITY

Adequate Force Essential

Washington, Mar. 16.
Neutrality is impossible, unless backed up by adequate force, declared Mr. Isaac, former naval lieutenant, now member for San Diego, in a debate on the Neutrality Bill in the House of Representatives. He said they could not build a Navy big enough to cover the seven seas, but if, in proclaiming permanent neutrality, they also announced that the United States Navy would be used only in home waters, they could keep the United States out of war.

Mrs. Edith Rogers condemned the McReynolds Neutrality Bill under which, she said, they would be giving up their trade and not keeping the United States out of war.

Mr. W. Stovich, New York, asked whether, if the McReynolds Bill were enacted, the President might place an embargo on Italy and Germany in view of their part in the Spanish civil war.

Mr. McReynolds replied: Not unless the President found that they were actually in a state of war.

Mr. John Bernard declared that both the McReynolds and the Pittman Neutrality Bills invited aggression by Fascist Powers, since weak countries could not buy from the United States.

Reuter.

SATO TAKEN TO TASK

Weak Stand In Diet Speeches

Tokyo, March 17.
Dissatisfied with the Diet speeches of Foreign Minister Nao-take Sato, eight members of the House of Peers and six members of the House of Representatives called at the residence of the foreign minister on Monday afternoon and asked for an elaboration on his speeches especially in relation to China.

Mr. Sato took more than two hours in appeasing the sentiment of the legislators, who took the foreign minister to task for his weak stand in his Diet speeches.

Among the members of the Upper House who visited Mr. Sato were Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, former foreign minister and minister to China, and Mr. Torikichi Obata, former minister to China. Both Diet members are reputed for their positive policy towards China while serving in Peiping.

Union News.

BRITISH RADIO REPLY TO GERMANY

More Power For Transmitters

BETTER SERVICE TO COLONIES

The B.B.C., now thoroughly alive to the insidious effect on Empire radio listeners of the propaganda broadcast, unceasingly by foreign transmitters, has resolved to spare neither money nor effort in making Daventry supreme among the world's short-wave stations.

Officially, the Corporation states that the three new high-powered transmitters recently ordered for Daventry are capable of an output of 50 kilowatts each. The "Morning Post" learns, in fact, that their maximum power will be 100 kilowatts.

It is further understood that the B.B.C. is now considering ordering a fourth new transmitter of the same type. There will thus be six transmitters at the B.B.C.'s disposal by next year. Although the contract for the latest one will not be given until the three ordered in 1935 are in full operation, there is ample room for it in the reconstructed Daventry station.

Particular concern is being felt regarding the present activities of the German short-wave station at Zeesien, which transmits "highly coloured" news bulletins in English to the African Continent daily.

THE NEW SERVICE

The present strength of Daventry's two transmitters is only 15

kilowatts, as compared with a maximum output on the part of Zeesien of 50 kilowatts. This deficiency in power has long meant that the ordinary British listener in Africa can pick up Zeesien's signal on his receiver more easily than that of Daventry. Reception of the German station is also less subject to "fading."

It is to offset this competition that the B.B.C., 18 months ago, placed the order for three new short-wave transmitters. At the same time a further 80 acres of land were purchased, on which to erect eight new aerial masts, of an average height of 250 feet.

The engineers were instructed that the new transmitters must be ready by May this year, in order that the Coronation broadcasts should reach, the widest possible audience throughout the Empire.

NIGHT AND DAY WATCH

The B.B.C. is fully aware of every propaganda broadcast given by a foreign station. At the receiv-

ROYAL NAVY

Command Of The Glasgow

Captain C. A. Browne joined the new cruiser Glasgow at the works of the Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Greenock, recently, and will command her when she is ready to commission about the end of June. He recently completed two years as Captain of the Dockyard, Deputy Superintendent, and King's Harbour Master at Malta.

The Glasgow will be the third of the new city class cruisers to enter service and, like the Newcastle and Southampton, is expected to join the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, Home Fleet. It is just 28 years ago that the previous Glasgow, which had been completed in September, 1910, was allocated to relieve the Amethyst as station ship on the South-East Coast of America, where under the command of Captain John Tace she rendered such good service in the War, taking part in the Coronel and Falklands actions and the subsequent search for the Dresden.

Appointments

The following appointments have been made the Admiralty:

Cdr.—C. M. Butlin, D.S.C., to Delhi (April 15); D. Gilmour, to Sussex (March 15); and D. M. Lees, to Birmingham (April 5).

Surgn. Cdr.—J. B. Crawford, M.B., to Southampton (March 11); A. W. Cocking, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to Pembroke for R.N.B. (March 10); J. C. Brown, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to R.M. Infirmary, Plymouth (Mar. 15); and L. S. Goss, O.B.E., to R.N.B. Devonport (March 22).

Lt.-Cdr. R. H. W. Atkins, to Malaya (March 18); E. S. D. Freemantle, to Pembroke (March 6); C. N. Lantage, to Delhi (April 12); and J. Quicke, to Revenge (Mar. 4).

Surgn. Lt.-Cdr.—F. W. Besley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to Newcastle (Mar. 10); and J. J. Keevil, M.B., to R.N. Hosp., Gt. Yarmouth (Mar. 8).

Lt.—W. G. Crawford, to Delhi (Mar. 22).

Surgn. Lt. (D)—D. N. Williamson, to R.N.B., Chatham (Mar. 3).

Retirement

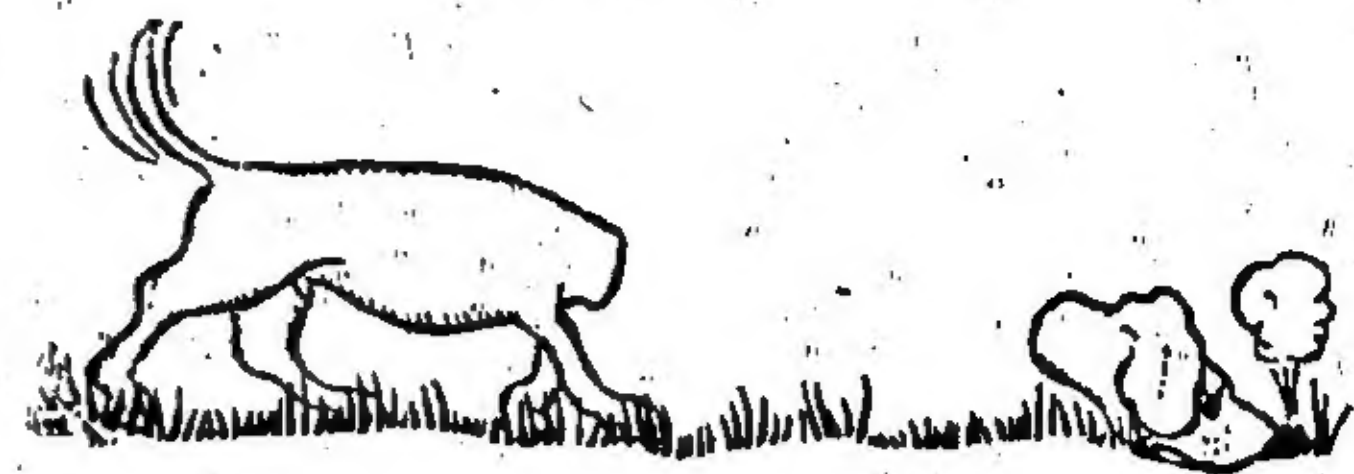
Engr. Cdr.—V. D. Nops, O.B.E., placed on the Retd. List (Feb. 27).

Reuter.

Paris, March 18.—Subscription lists for the second slice of the defence loan have been closed due to the amount being over subscribed.

ing station at Tatsfield, Surrey, engineers are engaged day and night in picking up and recording foreign programmes, the most provocative and outstanding of which are sent to Broadcasting House to be studied by high officials of the Corporation and, if necessary, passed on to the Foreign Office. It was largely as the result of pressure on the part of the Colonial and Dominion Offices that the B.B.C. determined to embark on the present costly scheme, which will give Britain the most efficient shortwave service in existence.

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CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Five Applications For Membership Passed

On the proposal of Mr. Chan Kam-por, seconded by Mr. Yue Chuek-sang, five applications for membership were passed at the monthly committee meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which was held in the Chamber's Board Room, Connaught Road Central, yesterday afternoon.

No items of importance were laid on the table and only routine matters were discussed.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. Li Sing-kui (Chairman), Mr. Au Chak-sum (Treasurer), Mr. Tao Hok-yue (Secretary), Messrs. Lau King-ting, Chiu Chiu-fan, Lau Yik-wan, Li Chor-san, Chan Kam-por, Chan Chong-chi, Chow Sing-chi, Hang Yuk-ming, Fung Ki-chuek, Mok Kon-sang, Chiu Chan-yue, Yue Chuek-sang, Tang Chi-cheong, Yung Tai-ming, Dr.

SPANISH COAST CONTROL

British Observers In Portugal

London, Mar. 17.
A large contingent of British observers in Portugal who will total 130 left Southampton for Lisbon to-day. It is expected all will be in position by March 23.

Brigadier Dalbuquerque, who acted as liaison officer between the British and Portuguese forces during the war, is to be liaison officer in Lisbon with the British observers.

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Li Ping-sum and several representatives of the various business associations and guilds.

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COLONY TENNIS TITLE

UNCONVINCING DISPLAY GIVEN
BY SIRDAR RUMJAHNGrose Defeated In Second
Round

LEE WAI TONG WINS

S. A. Rumjahn, strongest contender for the Colony open singles tennis title survived the second round when he met and defeated F. Grose yesterday. The winner played in unconvincing manner.

Though in the absence of Tsui Wai-pui, the holder, who is likely to withdraw from the tournament because of his Davis Cup engagement and who will have been favoured by his many supporters to retain the championship again this year, Rumjahn's showing yesterday, however, did not promise well for his chances.

Helped by the numerous mistakes made by Grose and showing now and then his former brilliance, Rumjahn finally won by the margin of 6-3, 7-5.

Most of the interest was centred on the court on which Lee Wai-tong played J. F. Leys. It was expected that Leys would give Lee a hard game. However, he did not quite settle down at the start of play as the result of which he lost the first set without winning a game. Brighter tennis was seen in the second stanza during which some long rallies were witnessed. Lee, though less aggressive, was more careful and won this set also at 7-5.

The only other championship match of the day was that between Wong Fuk-nam and Y. H. Ho. After a good struggle the former won by the scores of 6-2, 6-4.

Keen and enjoyable tennis was seen in a number of the Club tournament games.

The results of yesterday's play were:

Open Singles

Lee Wai-tong beat J. F. Leys.

6-0, 7-5.

Wong Fuk-nam beat Y. H. Ho.

6-2, 6-4.

S. A. Rumjahn beat F. Grose.

6-3, 7-5.

Club Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sullivan

received a walk-over from Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine.

T. C. Monaghan and Miss M. Corrigan beat Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie, 6-4, 6-3.

Club Handicap Singles

G. S. Chambers beat J. C. Pool.

7-5, 8-6.

W. M. Burton beat J. R. Collis.

6-3, 6-2.

F. A. Joseph beat N. K. Littlejohn, 6-0, 8-0.

Club Handicap Doubles

J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood

beat W. Stoker and D. L. Prophet.

6-2, 6-4.

CLASSIFICATION
OF PONIES

Jockey Club List

The following is the latest classification of ponies by the Hong Kong Jockey Club:

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

"A" Class: Able Amazon, A. Great Time, Amulet, Aztec, Bag Tor, Bobbiak Star, Centre Court, Courting Eve, Derby Day, Dick Turpin, Double Finasse, Electron, Gypsy Love, Helderado, Holiday Eve, Home Brew, Katinka, Lancashire Chips, Llanarmon, Llan-gollen, Ranger, Rosalind, Strathcarrick, Strathroy, Vixen Tor.

"B" Class: Australian Boy, Beat That, Blandford, Boronia Belle, Brankholme, Bravado, Brutus, Discovery Bay, Hercules, Honey, Just That, Ladill, Noggin, Perfect Day, Petroushka, Precious Stream, Racing Heart, Rhodum, Roofly, Saltire, Sancy Face, Snowy River, Solerina Such Fun, The Right Time, Twilight Star, Violet Queen.

CHINA PONIES

"A" Class: Bear Claw, Cossack's Beauty, Diana Bay, Gladitor, Happy Eve, Honeyman Eve, King's Warden, Liberty Bay, Oak Bay, Royal Scot, Royal Wedding Eve, Soldier of Britain, Wild Life.

"B" Class: Bright View, Dawn Star, Expansion Time, Harvest View, Havoc Eve, King's Fancy, King's Justice, King's Lead, Mistake Bay, New Star, Potentate, Red Feather, Rose-Queen, Soldier of Honour, Thunder Bay.

"C" Class: Aire, Amberley, Apilas, Bistre, Boolat Bay, Centre Forward, Chun Teen, Commencement Bay, Decease, Election Time, Firefly, Flybynight, Gordito, Jungle Jim, Kincora, King's Bounty, King's Coronation King's Highway, King's Jubilee, King's Sceptre, Kum Shan, Laughing Cavalier, Mayflower, Monoplane, National Joy, National Spirit, National Wisdom, Naughty Cat, Night View, Park View, Pontiac Bay, Racing Pluck, Ribbie, Rob Roy, Rose Evelyn, Rosemary, Royal Consort, Royal Highness, Seepie View, Silversmith, Soldier of China, Soldier of Peace, Standard Time, Tabby Cat, The Tiger, Tim, Tiny Star, Tyne, Vira, Xthan.

"D" Class: Aramis, Araxy, Atomic Star, Burgomaster, Cavalade, Copper Idol, Coronation Day, Daylight, Eve, Diogenes, Don, Donovan, Election Day, Emergency Call, Feudal Knight, Flying Arrow, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Happy Venture, Helephant, Inca, Lancashire Tich, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Mac's Adventure, Mariposa, Miracle, Mountain View, National Antilem, Ocean View, Pagan Love, Persian Cat, Philanderer, Plain View, Pride of Tinseltown, Prospero, Racing Boy, Radium, Seventeenth of Sept., Shipmaster, Spinnaway, Stopwatch, Sylvandale, Tempest, The Hero, The Tin.

INTRA-CLUB CRICKET

An intra-club match has been arranged by the Indian Recreation Club to take place on Saturday when the following will be the teams:

1st XI:—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.), A. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Abbas, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, A. R. Kitchell, S. A. Ismail, F. M. el Arculli, Y. el Arculli, M. el Arculli and K. Nazario.

2nd XI:—M. R. Abbas (Capt.), A. K. Minu, A. S. Sufiad, M. P. Madar, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakar, K. M. Rumjahn, A. H. Ismail, A. A. Aziz, M. I. Razack and J. S. A. Curreen.

Reserves:—A. Rahman, Y. T. Barma, M. Singh and F. A. Curreen.

FOOTBALL MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division Football match between the South China "A" and Eastern did not take place yesterday afternoon and was postponed until Sunday.

GRAND NATIONAL

Police Club Sweep
Draw Results

The Hong Kong Police Club Draw on the Grand National Sweep resulted as follows:

Golden Miller	5534
Royal Mail	3080
Ready Have You?	123
De La Neige	9358
Dawmar	8074
Didorig	5382
Tapinola	9036
De La Change	7385
Buckthorn	7300
Ego	2511
Don Bradman	1286
Keen Blade	3999
Puckabelle	6788
Crown Prince	5862
Sunspot II	1886
Emancipator	8523
Misdeameour II	8993
Pencraig	9823
Bryburgh	9800
Brim	248
Irvine	9489
Braze	2509
Ungie Batt	8714
Field Master	8185
Sugar Loaf	2858
True Blue	4312
Splonand	7877
Flying Minutes	708
Milk Punch	6531
Colleen	9213
Kiltol	5144
Passing Fancy	4104
The Field	6737

Prizes:—First \$4,922.12
Second 1,406.32
Third 703.16
Starters 781.18

THEY LET HIM
MANAGE

While there is unrest in football managerial circles—resignations and whispers of more resignations—there is one Football League club in London which rarely has a board meeting.

Since Sept. 29, the Queen's Park Rangers' directorate have met only once. That was as far back as the end of November. Here they let the manager manage. Even if aspirations have not entirely been realised, that is not considered a reason for fussy interference. Such an attitude suggests confidence that all concerned are doing their best.

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Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

Hockey:—United Hockey Tournament, H.M.S. Tamar v. Royal Air Force (King's Park), 5 p.m.

Meeting:—Annual Meeting, H.K. Lawn Bowls Association ("S.O.M. Post" board-room), 5.30 p.m.

Tennis:—Open Singles, Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard; Open Doubles, Wong Shu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong v. Y. N. Tam and L. Wong; A. M. Rodriguez and L. A. Silva v. H. P. Ong and J. Hui; Club Championships, R. M. Wood v. A. S. Read; V. R. Gordon v. J. C. Pool; H. Owen Hughes v. T. C. Monaghan; Handicap Doubles, G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst v. A. H. Mc-

Bride and N. K. Littlejohn; A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell v. G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane.

Racing:—Entries close for Second Extra Race, noon.

TO-MORROW

Tennis:—Open Singles, Wei Chung v. S. S. Hussain, A. Watt v. S. W. Liang; P. H. Kwok v. C. P. Ip; E. C. Fincher v. P. F. Tsol; Club Championships, F. V. Harrison v. A. C. I. Bowker; Handicap Doubles, M. Pagh and J. Thompson v. O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans; C. G. Stark and F. A. Joseph v. J. and G. S. Rodger; Handicap Singles, D. S. Robb v. A. H. McBride.

King And Queen To
Watch Grand National

London, Mar. 16. Extra charm is added to Friday's Grand National race at Aintree by the fact that Their Majesties who are staying at Knowsley Hall with Lord Derby will be present at the race.

It is the first time for many years that a reigning monarch has attended the race, which this year celebrates the centenary of the famous event.

Valorous, Victoria, Hall, Wadebridge, Weedon Seat, Whalsey, Wild Cat, Young Chap, Zero.

"E" Class:—Air Mail, Balios, Barometer, Bisco, China Clipper, Chiu Shan, Clown, Ding Dong, Dragonfly, Felar, Heriot, King's Parade, Ling Long, March Brown, National Faith, Peak View, Playboy, Spring Beauty, Successful Time, Trent, Yum Sing.

Snow, hail, sleet and torrential rain will make the race one of the greatest tests of endurance by man and beast in the history of the Grand National. Yet many owners are almost optimistic such as those of Didorig, Buckthorn, Dawmar, Don Bradman, Dryburgh, Ego, Splonand, Puck-a-Belle and Royal Mail, who are expecting to win.

On the other hand Owen Anthony, trainer of Golden Miller, who is participating for the fifth time and again starting as favourite despite its lapses of the last two years, only says that he expects the horse to run well.

Although several of the runners are American-owned, What Have You is the only American horse. Its rider, Street, the American champion amateur jockey is hopeful of victory.

—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL
FORECAST

(BY RANGER)

The following are the English and Scottish League fixtures to be played on March 20. The teams in bold types are tipped to win.

Our Home Football correspondent wishes to announce that as from this week the scores of the first round matches will be included in our weekly forecast, and these will be given in bracket.

FIRST DIVISION

		Mileage
ARSENAL (3)	v. Birmingham (1)	100
Bolton W. (2)	v. W. Brom. A. (0)	80
BRENTFORD (0)	v. Middlesbrough (3)	215
Derby Co. (0)	v. Charlton A. (2)	115
Everton (1)	v. Manchester C. (4)	20
HUDDESFIELD T. (0)	v. Portsmouth (1)	200
Manchester U. (4)	v. GRIMSBY T. (6)	90
PRESTON N.E. (0)	v. Leeds U. (1)	50
SHEFFIELD W. (2)	v. Liverpool (2)	60
SUNDERLAND (3)	v. Chelsea (1)	240
WOLVES (1)	v. Stoke C. (2)	40

SECOND DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (3)	v. Blackpool (1)	100
Bradford C. (0)	v. Blackburn R. (3)	30
BURNLEY (2)	v. West Ham U. (0)	185
Chesterfield (1)	v. Tottenham H. (5)	130
COVENTRY C. (3)	v. Bradford (1)	100
Doncaster R. (0)	v. NEWCASTLE U. (1)	100
FULHAM (0)	v. Norwich C. (3)	100
Nottingham (1)	v. SHEFFIELD U. (4)	70
PLYMOUTH A. (3)	v. Barnsley (1)	250
SOUTHAMPTON (2)	v. Leicester C. (2)	120
Swansea T. (0)	v. BURY (2)	150

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

ACOBINGTON S. (2)	v. Crewe A. (2)	40
Darlington (0)	v. Carlisle U. (2)	65
GATESHEAD (2)	v. York C. (0)	70
HULL C. (3)	v. Barrow (2)	120
Lincoln C. (3)	v. CHESTER (7)	110
New Brighton (0)	v. Rochdale (4)	45
OLDHAM A. (2)	v. Mansfield T. (1)	50
PORT VALE (1)	v. Halifax T. (0)	50
ROTHERHAM U. (2)	v. Tranmere R. (1)	70
STOCKPORT CO. (1)	v. Southport (1)	40
Wrexham (0)	v. Hartlepool (2)	135

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot (0)	v. NOTTS CO. (3)	125
BOURNEMOUTH (2)	v. Crystal Palace (2)	95
BRIGHTON (4)	v. Exeter C. (0)	150
Bristol R. (0)	v. LUTON T. (2)	105
GILLINGHAM (2)	v. Torquay U. (0)	65
MILLWALL (3)	v. Walsall (0)	120
Newport Co. (1)	v. Bristol C. (3)	20
NORTHAMPTON T. (1)	v. Cardiff C. (2)	110
SOUTHEND U. (2)	v. Q.P.R. (7)	35
SWINDON T. (1)	v. Clapton C. (2)	75
WATFORD (0)	v. Reading (3)	35

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

ABERDEEN (1)	v. Rangers (2)	—
Albion R. (0)	v. ST. JOHNSTONE (4)	—
Arbroath (1)	v. DUNDEE (6)	—
Clyde (1)	v. Kilmarnock (3)	—
Dunfmline A. (3)	v. THIRD LANARK (6)	—
Hamilton A. (0)	v. HEARTS (6)	—
HIBERNIA (4)	v. Motherwell (3)	—
Partick Thistle (1)	v. Falkirk (4)	—
QUEEN'S PARK (1)	v. Queen of the S. (1)	—
St. Mirren (0)	v. Celtic (3)	—

TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were recorded at the Valley training gallops on March 17:—

	Dis- tance	1st. tance	2nd. tance	3rd. tance	4th. tance	5th. tance	Last. tance
Araxy	1	51.2	1.35.2	2.16.2	2.48.3		32.1
Thunder Bay & Boolat	1	38	1.15	1.50	2.20.1		30.1
Bay	1	35.2	1.09.3	1.43.3	2.16.2		32.4
Don & Miracle	1	41.3	1.18.4	1.54.4	2.27.4		33
Expansion Time	1	46.3	1.29.2	2.10.4	2.45.2		34.3
Solerina	1	39.2	1.18.3	1.56.2	2.31.1		34.4
Jungle Jim	1	50.2	1.36.4	2.10.3			34.4
Pagan Love	1	53	1.44	2.34.2	3.18.2		44
Gordito	1	44.3	1.21.2	1.47.4			28.2
Lancashire Chips	1	42.4	1.22.3	1.59.3	2.28.2		28.4
King's Warden	1	42	1.22.1	1.58.2	2.27.3		29.1
Amberley	1	38.4	1.14.2	1.44.4			30.2
Wild Cat	1	50.2	1.35	2.17	2.51.4		34.4
Stopwatch	1	45.1	1.28	2.11.4	2.47.2		35.3
Election Day	1	38	1.12.3	1.48.3	2.21		32.3
Sylvandale	1	40	1.18	1.48	2.19	2.48.2	29.2
Strathroy	1	37	1.10.4	1.40.4			30
Apilas & Balios	1	32	1.02	1.31.2	1.58.3		27.1
Gypsy Love	1	42	1.22.4	2.01.2	2.34.4		33.2
Persian Cat & Tabby Cat	1	34.4	1.10.2	1.39.1	2.04.2		26.1
Home Brew	1	29.4	1.02	1.32.1	2.01.2		29.2
Beat That	1	42	1.22.1	1.59.2	2.31.4		32.2
King's Coronation	1	49	1.28	2.05	2.36		31
Radium	1	37.3	1.10.4	1.43			32.1
Dawn Star	1	38	1.14	1.45.3	2.15.3		30
Strathcarrick	1	45	1.30.2	2.10	2.43		33
Centre Forward & Soldier of Peace	1	53	1.38	2.17.2	2.48		30.3
New Star	1	45	1.23	1.57	2.27		30
Soldier of China	1	40.2	1.17.1	1.50.2	2.19.1		28.4
Katinka	1	40.2	1.16	1.52.1	2.22.4		30.3
Prospero	1	42	1.16.4	1.53	2.23.1		30.1
Whalsey	1	50	1.35	2.20	3.00		40
Helephant	1	35.1	1.08.1	1.39.1			31
Scenic View	1	41.3	1.20.3	1.55.4	2.28		32.1
17th of September	1	37.2	1.08.2	1.37.1			28.4
A Great Time	1	45	1.28.3	2.03.4	2.36.2		32.3
Mariposa & Busok	1	32.3	1.04.2	1.38.3	2.11.3		33
Tiny Star	1	42	1.23	2.02	2.35.3		33.3
The Hero	1	32	1.03.2	1.38			34.3
Aramis	1	39.2	1.18.2	1.48.4	2.21		32.1
Feudal Knight	1						

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Mar. 16. Playing in a third division (northern section) football match at Southport to-day, the home team drew with Barrow, both sides scoring three times.

—Reuter.

OXFORD'S RUGBY DEFEAT

London, Mar. 16. Oxford University rugby XV sustained defeat to-day when they met Cardiff, the Welsh team winning by 13 points to eight.

—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1937. [5123]

Charlton Draw At Highbury

Charlton Athletic and Arsenal, who stand first and second in the Championship, met at Highbury and each side scored once. It was, considering the importance of the occasion, a good game. Both teams showed traces of nerves and miss-kicks were conspicuous rather by their presence than their absence, but there were long periods when extremely good football was played.

Taking the game as a whole Charlton had the better of it, and praise of their work inevitably means, since they did not score until two minutes from the end, praise for the Arsenal defence. Male, a player who has always been underrated, and Hapgood were at the top of their form, and Roberts, after a rather uncertain beginning, improved steadily as the match went on. The Charlton defence made it clear why the goals "against" in their column is so flattering to them, and Boulter, their inside-left, worked the ball not only skilfully but intelligently.

A SATURDAY CROWD

Although it was a midweek match, the crowd was worthy of Saturday, and Charlton, setting off with a rush, forced a corner in the first minute. Charlton for a time looked altogether the more confident side. They were flustering their men with their passes

National Danger In All-Oil-Fuel Shipping

MOVE TO INCREASE COAL BUNKERING

A determined effort is being made to secure, in the national interest, the use of greater quantities of coal for bunkering purposes in British merchant shipping of certain types, writes a Hong Naval correspondent.

A committee, representative of shipping, marine engineering and coal interests, is to be formed to examine the question. The decision to set up the committee was taken recently at a conference at which Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, M.P., the Secretary for Mines, presided. Representatives of a large number of interested organisations also attended.

The conference was due partly to a memorandum to the Secretary for Mines by the Combustion Appliance Makers' Association (solid fuel) in September, 1936, and partly from the pressure brought to bear on the Government to adopt energetic measures for the resuscitation of the coal industry.

A memorandum issued by the Combustion Appliance Makers' Association (solid fuel), stated that a situation of gravity was likely to develop in a time of national emergency if the present trend towards oil-firing in all types of ships were allowed to proceed unchecked.

COAL-FIRED TONNAGE LOSS

This trend is shown, it is pointed out, by the fact that the world's tonnage of coal-fired ships on Lloyd's Register has declined from 45,338,327 tons in 1922 to 31,947,918 tons in 1936, while the proportion of coal-fired shipping to oil-fired shipping under construction is 80.1 to 19.9 per cent. If this tendency should continue not more than 10 per cent. of the world's merchant marine will be coal burning in 10 or 15 years' time.

The memorandum also pointed out that these changes have had a profound effect upon the market for bunker coal. In 1913 Great Britain shipped 21,030,000 tons of

coal in bunkers for foreign trade, and 1,000,000 tons for coastal trade. In 1935 only 12,530,000 tons were bunkered for foreign trade, and 1,350,000 for coastal.

For certain types of ships, it is claimed, coal-firing can be operated more economically than even Diesel engines.

Oil fuel was first adopted because of its higher calorific value and because it required fewer men to operate it. The development of machinery and boilers has so far advanced that, in certain cases, coal is the fuel most economical in men required and in efficiency.

With the co-operation of far-sighted shipowners, a number of merchant ships have been operating with coal-fired boilers and mechanical stokers in the past few years so that their performance could be studied under sea-going conditions. Similar experiments have been carried out with new types of machinery. At present 63 merchant vessels are at sea with mechanical stokers of various types.

WHERE COAL IS BEST

As a result of these experiments, certain conclusions have been formed by the Combustion Appliance Makers' Association. They are that, while coal in very small ships other than fishing vessels cannot be regarded as competitive with oil, for a large number of services employing ships between 1,500 and 8,000 shaft-horse-power, coal-firing has clear economic advantages over motor ships.

It is thought probable that a system of dual firing—that is, with coal or oil alternatively—would be of great economic advantage in certain classes of merchant vessels. It would enable them to bunker with whichever fuel was the cheaper at the port of bunkering, and would provide them with a powerful bargaining weapon when negotiating for bunkers.

WHERE RICH IDLED 3000 YEARS AGO

Sir Flinders Petrie's
Discovery

Traces of what must have been a "Riviera" for the idle rich of the Eastern Mediterranean 3000 years ago have been discovered by Sir Flinders Petrie, the eminent archaeologist.

It is the summer resort of Anthedon, meaning "Flower of Delight," dating from 1200 B.C., and situated on the curving seashore between Gaza and Port Said.

Anthedon was built primarily as a frontier fortress by the Pharaoh Shishak, a contemporary of King Solomon.

Among the discoveries made by Sir Flinders Petrie are the remains of a shrine built by King Nebuchadnezzar, the restorer of Babylon. The huge mound has been found to consist of 12 layers, each differently constructed, and each yielding finds of pottery, tools, weapons, and brickwork.

MAN'S CURSE ON GIRL

"I hope you will always have this on your mind for breaking up my and Jim's friendship. I curse you until your dying day."

This passage from a letter written by Albert George Grimes, one of two men found dead in a room filled with gas, apparently referring to a girl, was read at a Friern Barnet inquest on Grimes, aged 28, whose parents live at Mays-lane, Barnet, and James Thomas Rich, aged 21, of Aveton-road, East Finchley.

Grimes' mother said that her son had been staying at the house in Station-road, Church End, Finchley, where he was found dead, because he was unemployed.

The Coroner (Dr. George Cohen) —To deceive the authorities? If that it? He got a little more dose money by being away from home? —Yes.

When the Coroner asked, "You realise that is a dishonourable thing to do?" a woman at the back of the court cried "No!"

Mrs. Grimes—He thought he was sponging on us and so that is what he did.

She said that her son had known Miss Bonner since he was a schoolboy. Rich and her son were devoted friends.

GIRL'S EVIDENCE.

Miss Bonner said that she was a daily maid living in Mays-lane. She had known Grimes for some years but had seen him only very little lately. She was also friendly with Rich, who had asked her to go out with him. She promised to do so on the following Sunday. Grimes knew that Rich wanted to meet her, but she did not know how he knew. Later she met Grimes and he seemed very upset. He begged her not to take his friend away.

The Coroner, summing up, said that Grimes had written, "We both think we are better off out of the way."

"We have no evidence that Rich contemplated suicide," he said. "I think you can be certain that Grimes took his own life. It is possible that the escape of gas might have poisoned Rich, who was a very sound sleeper."

The jury returned a verdict that Grimes committed suicide while of unsound mind. They found there was not sufficient evidence to show how Rich died.

THE ARMY

Better Quarters And More Pay

The full programme of barrack construction is expected to provide work for thousands of men over a period of years, during which the annual expenditure for new buildings, reconstruction, adaption, road making, and other works may amount to £3,500,000, states the "Times."

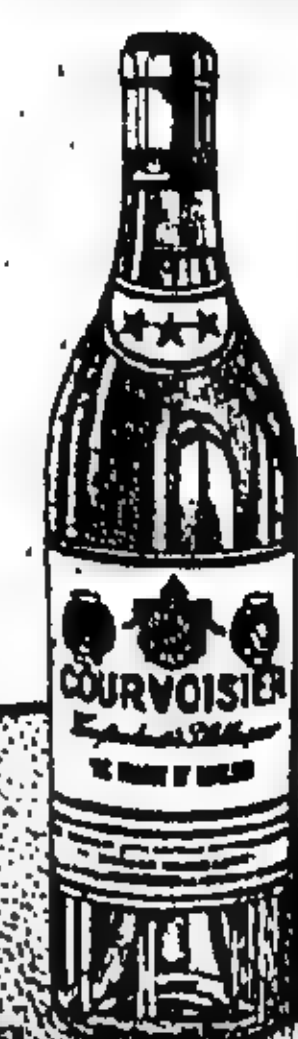
The future standard plan for barracks involves the adoption of the flats system applied to small groups of men. The buildings will be kept low and will be spread out in open formation, with space all round. The places to have new or improved barracks or other buildings at once are as follows:—

Aldershot and Salisbury Plain.—New quarters and churches. London.—Married quarters. Shorncliffe.—New church. Gosport.—Quarters. Jersey and Sutton Oak.—Additional accommodation. Warley and Lichfield.—Quarters. Woolwich.—Quarters. Science College extension, and offices. York.—Married quarters. Edinburgh, Newcastle, and Brighton.—Artillery quarter and new church. Plymouth.—Infantry quarters. Salisbury and Chester.—New Command H. Q. Cardiff.—Improvements at Maindy. Pembroke Dock.—Improvements at Llanion. Trawsfynydd and Redesdale.—Camp alterations. Pirbright.—Replacement of huts. Colchester.—R.A.S.C. quarters. Chatham.—R.E. quarters. Lulworth and Bovington.—Improvements. Catterick.—Reconstruction. China and Cyprus.—Infantry quarters. Malaya.—Increased accommodation. Palestine.—Married quarters. Various stations.—Dining rooms, garages, and replacement of huts.

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New York/London Cross-rate	14.48	14.20	14.20	1/16 up
New York Cotton—May	35.05	34.41	33.55	3 1/4 up
New York Rubber—May	137 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	1 1/2 up
Chicago Wheat—May	110 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	unchanged
Chicago Corn—May	110 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	unchanged
Silver—Official	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1/2 up

	1936	Mar. 15	High	Low	Close	Change
Dow Jones Averages	13,59	85.51	189.41	101.39	188.88	.54 up
30 Industrials	63.72	27.31	62.03	63.53	62.06	1.03 up
30 Utilities	37.79	16.48	32.85	33.20	32.85	.01 off
40 Bonds	108.01	84.86	102.85	102.61	102.61	.27 off
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Amer. Cyanamid 12 1/2 12 1/2
Amer. & For. Power 58 1/2 59 1/2

Amer. & For. 37 pf. 54 1/2 55
Amer. Locomotive 64 1/2 65
Amer. Metals 25 1/2 26 1/2

Amer. Radiator 42 1/2 43 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill 102 103
Amer. Smelting 65 66

Amer. Steel P'ries 48 1/2 49 1/2
Amer. Sugar 17 1/2 17 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel. 175 1/2 176

Amer. Tobacco "B" 83 1/2 84
Amer. Waterworks 24 1/2 25
Anaconda Copper 63 1/2 64

Atlantic Refining 34 1/2 35
Atlas Corp. 18 1/2 19
Auburn Motors 30 29 1/2

Baldwin Locomotive 118 119 1/2
\$7 cum. pf. 118 119 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 35 1/2 36 1/2

Barnard Oil 32 32 1/2
Bendix Aviation 99 1/2 100 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 47 1/2 48 1/2

Boeing Airplane 27 27 1/2
Borden Co. 49 50
Briggs Manufacturing 43 1/2 44 1/2

Brooklyn-Manhattan 43 1/2 44 1/2
Trans 98 99
Case, J.I. 158 159

Canadian Pacific 16 16 1/2
Celanese Corp. of 33 34
America 81 82

Cerro de Pasco 19 1/2 20
Certain-Teed P'ducts 83 84
Chesapeake Corp. 63 1/2 64

Chesapeake & Ohio 127 128
Chrysler Corp. 16 1/2 17
Columbia Gas & El. 100 101

Columbia 6% "A" pf. 60 1/2 61
Commercial Credit 18 1/2 19
Commercial Solvents 15 1/2 16

Commonwealth & S. 60 61
Commonwealth 5% 59 60
cum. pf. 40 41

Consolidated Edison 17 1/2 18
Consolidated Oil 43 1/2 44
Continental Oil 68 69

Corn. Products 7 1/2 8
Curtiss Wright (C) 22 1/2 23
Curtiss Wright "A" 22 1/2 23

Delaware & Hudson 130 132
Del. Lackawanna & 27 28
Western 65 66

Douglas Aircraft 170 169
Du Pont 14 13 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 23 1/2 24

Elec. Bond & Share 75 74 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 82 1/2 83 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 23 1/2 24

Elec. Power & Light 39 1/2 40
\$7 pf. 41 1/2 42
Firestone Tire & R. 46 1/2 47

Gen. Asphalt 58 59
Gen. Cigar 42 1/2 43
Gen. Electric 65 1/2 66

Gen. Foods 53 1/2 54
Gen. Motors 47 1/2 48
Gen. Railway Signal 26 1/2 27

Gillette Safety Razor 47 1/2 48
Gilden 47 1/2 48
Gold Dust 86 1/2 87

Goodrich (B.F.) 45 1/2 46
Goodrich 5% pf. 45 1/2 46
Goodyear 45 1/2 46

Stocks

Last Sale Mar. 15 16

Great Northern Ry. 52 1/2 53 1/2
Great Western Sugar 35 35 1/2
Holly Sugar Corp. 83 84

Humble Oil 71 1/2 72 1/2
Int. Nickel 13 1/2 14
Int. Tel. & Tel. 34 1/2 35

Int. Dept. Stores 65 1/2 66 1/2
Kennecott Copper 21 1/2 22 1/2
Lambert Corp. 77 1/2 78 1/2

Loew's Inc. 24 1/2 25 1/2
Lorillard 46 1/2 47 1/2
McIntyre Porcupine 46 1/2 47 1/2

McKesson & Robbins 93 94
Monsanto Chemical 66 1/2 67 1/2
Montgomery Ward 17 1/2 18 1/2

Murray Corp. 37 37 1/2
Nat. Cash Register 24 1/2 25 1/2
Nat. Dairy Products 33 1/2 34 1/2

Nat. Distillers 11 1/2 12 1/2
Nat. Power & Light 51 1/2 52 1/2
New York Central 15 1/2 16 1/2

Niagara Hudson P. 27 1/2 28 1/2
Corp. 33 1/2 34 1/2
North American 32 1/2 33 1/2

Northern Pacific 32 1/2 33 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec. 45 1/2 46 1/2
Pacific Lighting 11 1/2 12 1/2

Packard Motors 24 1/2 25 1/2
Paramount 47 1/2 48 1/2
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Phelps Dodge 57 1/2 58 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 43 1/2 44 1/2
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Pullman Inc. 11 1/2 12 1/2
Pure Oil 43 1/2 44 1/2
Radio Corp. of Am. 43 1/2 44 1/2

Republic Steel 52 52 1/2
Reynolds Tobac. "B" 48 1/2 49 1/2
Schenley Lead Co. 48 1/2 49 1/2

Schenley 5 1/2 pf. 98 1/2 99 1/2
Sears Roebuck 33 1/2 34 1/2
Shell Union Oil 33 1/2 34 1/2

Socony-Vacuum 18 1/2 19 1/2
Southern Cal Edison 27 1/2 28 1/2
Southern Pacific 61 1/2 62 1/2

Southern Ry 5% pf. 38 1/2 39 1/2
Stand Brands 15 1/2 16 1/2
Stand Gas & Elec. 12 1/2 13 1/2

Standard Oil of N.J. 68 68 1/2
Sterling Products 73 73 1/2
Swift International 31 1/2 32 1/2

Technicolor 23 23 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur 39 1/2 40 1/2
Tidewater Assoc. Oil 20 1/2 21 1/2

Timken-Detroit Axle 28 1/2 29 1/2
Transamerica 16 1/2 17 1/2
20th Cent. Fox Films 39 1/2 40 1/2

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Un. Carbide & Car- 106 1/2 107 1/2
bon 144 145

Un. Pacific 33 1/2 34 1/2
United Aircraft 21 21 1/2
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Hong Kong, Mar. 17.

Silver prices rose 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 7/8 for Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported India and the Continent as having bought. Speculators sold to a small extent. The market closed steady. After the official fixing business was done at 1/16 over the quoted rates followed by transactions at the fixed rate. India bought. American Silver was quoted at 45 5/8 for spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 488.65. New York-London was quoted at 488.23/32.

MARKET

Dull.

STERLING

Sellers at 1/2 29/32 March-September, buyers at 1/2 15/16 for any delivery. No business was reported.

U.S. DOLLARS

Business was done at 30 3/8 for June delivery. The market closed with sellers at 30 3/8 March-April and 30 5/16 May-July, buyers at 30 7/16 March-May and probably 30 3/8 June-July.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was done at 101 7/8 for cash. There were sellers at 102 13/16, buyers at 101 7/8 for cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET
There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 5/8, buyers probably at 1/2 21/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 13/16, buyers at 29 3/8 for cash. Steady.

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Douglases, \$354.
Providents, \$2.20.

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H.K. Docks, \$7.05.
Hotels CD, \$10.15.

Lands, \$35.
Land Debentures, \$102.
Humphreys, \$84.

Trams, \$14.90.
Y. Ferries, \$25.70.
China Lights (Old), \$14.60.

Electric, \$52.
Telephones (Old), \$30.10.
Cements, \$14.40.

Ropes, \$4.
Dairy Farms, CD., \$283.
Entertainments, \$4.

Nanyang Tobaccos, \$7.10.
Watsons, \$5.40.
United Paracale, \$1.55.

SELLERS
Providents, \$2.30.
Watsons, \$5.

SALES
Banks, \$1,855/60.
Douglases, \$2.174.
Providents, \$2.20/2.25.

Lands, \$36.
Trams, \$15.
Y. Ferries, \$25.

China Lights (Old), \$14.50.
Telephones (Old), \$30.
Ropes, \$4/80.

Watsons, \$5.
Paracale Gumaus, \$1.08/1.084.

RUBBER QUOTAS

London, Mar. 16.

The International Rubber Regulation Committee had fixed the following per centage of basic quotas for 1937 as permissible exportable amount, namely, for the second half of 1937 at 80 per cent. Under the scheme of the regulation, it is open to the committee to revise their decision as regards the permissible exportable amount from time to time, if for any reason this should, in their opinion, be desirable. As to present, the next meeting will be held on April 27, 1937.

British Wireless.

London, Mar. 16.
Following the announcement of the Rubber Regulation Committee, the spot price of rubber advanced to 1/10 3/8 per pound, which is the highest since March 1929. On the stock exchange there were substantial rises in rubber shares.

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was announced. The total amount which the Reich will obtain through this time for the consolidation of short-term loans will be 700,000,000 Reichsmarks.

NEW GERMAN LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED

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Applications for the new 4.5 per cent. Reich loan, the subscription list of which is due to close on March 18, has been so heavy that it is clear that the amount of 400,000,000 Reichsmarks offered to the public will be very much over-subscribed.

Under these circumstances, the government has decided to permit the issuing consortium to accept applications for a further 200,000,000 Reichsmarks.

Originally, the loan was for 500,000,000 Reichsmarks, of which 100,000,000 Reichsmarks had been taken up by banks before the loan

British Wireless.

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE

London, Mar. 16.

In reply to the request for information regarding the visit of Mr. Fraser of the Board of Trade to Burgos, Dr. Burgin stated in the House of Commons that the object of the visit was to discuss with the representatives of General Franco's Administration various questions of detail connected with their informal assurances regarding the future trade between the United Kingdom and the area of Spain under control of General Franco. The questions arising on trade with the area under the control of the Spanish Government had been discussed with the representatives of that Government

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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 24th Mar., 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"YUNNAN"	On 26th Mar., Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 27th Mar., 5 p.m.
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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From March 18 to 24, 1937.

Day	Month	High Water	Low Water
Thur. 18	Mar.	01.43	06.00
Fri. 19	Mar.	02.13	06.22
Sat. 20	Mar.	02.44	06.48
Sun. 21	Mar.	03.16	07.19
Mon. 22	Mar.	03.48	07.50
Tues. 23	Mar.	04.20	08.21
Wed. 24	Mar.	04.52	08.52

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hong Kong Observatory, Mar. 17.

Barometer	29.93	29.98	29.95
Humidity	87	79	77
Wind	ENE	ENE	E
Direction	E	ENE	E
Force	4	4	4
Weather	6	0	0
Rain	—	—	—
Highest open-air Temperature, 18.7			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 17.85			
R=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; J=Jaws; R=Rain			

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Seistan, Douglas, March 19.
Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), March 19.
Tjinegara, J.C.J. Line, March 19.
Anhui, B. & S., March 20.
Canton, O.S.K., March 21.
Tainan, B. & S., March 21.
Haitan, Douglas, March 21.
Hsi Hing, Thoresen, March 31.
Shirala, B.I. (Apar), April 1.
Chefoo.
Nanchang, B. & S., March 19.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 19.
Yuehow, B. & S., March 19.
Ninghai, B. & S., March 24.
Dairen.
Oldenburg, Jochen's, March 21.
Meriones, B. & S., March 23.
Antenor, B. & S., March 27.
Lahn, Melchers', April 5.
Rheinland, Jochen's, April 10.
Tathylbus, H. & S., April 15.
Foochow.
Nanchang, B. & S., March 19.
Seistan, Douglas, March 19.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 19.
Ninghai, B. & S., March 24.
Haitan, Douglas, March 21.
Japan (Direct).
Kitoan, Maru, N.Y.K., March 19.
Hosanz, Jardine's, March 20.
Kumano, Jochen's, April 13.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Keelung.
Canton Maru, O.S.K., March 21.
Noto Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Shanghai and Japan.
Cathay, P. & O., March 19.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 19.
Pres. Doumer, Messageries', March 19.
Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), March 19.
Burduwan, P. & O., March 20.
Holonus, B. & S., March 20.
Oldenburg, Jochen's, March 21.
Ursula Rickmers, Jochen's, March 21.
Gertrude Maerk, Jochen's, April 2.
Pres. Coolidge, Jardine's, April 3.
Emp. of Britain, C.P.S., March 25.
Hilda, Lloyd Triestino, March 25.
Peru, E.A. Co., March 25.
Meriones, B. & S., March 26.
Pres. Grant, A.M. Line, March 27.
Anna Maerk, Jochen's, March 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Victoria, Lloyd Triestino, March 27.
Ginva Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Shirala, B.I. (Apar), April 1.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., April 2.
Gertrude Maerk, Jochen's, April 2.
Pres. Coolidge, Jardine's, April 3.
Nellor, E. & A.S.S. Co., April 4.
Banglo, Loxley's, April 5.
Potadem, Melchers', April 8.
Rheinland, Jochen's, April 10.
City of Lyons, Bank Line, April 14.
Tathylbus, B. & S., April 15.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 16.
SHANGHAI AND VIA PORTS.
Daviken, Jardine's, March 18.
Tjinegara, J.C.J. Line, March 19.
Yuehow, B. & S., March 19.
Kwangtung, B. & S., March 20.
Kwangtung, Jardine's, March 21.
Kwangtung, B. & S., March 24.
Tainan, B. & S., March 24.
Antenor, B. & S., March 27.
Norviken, Jardine's, March 28.
Noto Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Lahn, Melchers', April 5.
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Daviken, Jardine's, March 18.
Seistan, Douglas, March 19.
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Oldenburg, Jochen's, March 21.
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Nanchang, B. & S., March 19.
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CRISTOBAL.

Tai Shan, Dodwell's, March 18.
Kini Maru, O.S.K., March 19.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, March 24.
Emp. of Britain, C.P.S., March 25.
Anna Maerk, Jochen's, March 27.
Ward, States Co., April 7.
Tasmania, Jochen's, April 13.

Havana.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, March 24.
Ward, States Co., April 7.

Honolulu.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 19.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, March 24.
Emp. of Britain, C.P.S., March 25.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 3.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 16.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Los Angeles.
Tai Shan, Dodwell's, March 18.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, March 24.
Emp. of Britain, C.P.S., March 25.
Anna Maerk, Jochen's, March 27.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Cornville, Bank Line, March 31.
Noto Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 3.
Tasmania, Jochen's, April 13.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Mexico.
Ward, States Co., April 7.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Montreal.
Rhexenor, B. & S., March 31.

Panama.
Tai Shan, Dodwell's, March 18.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, March 24.
Emp. of Britain, C.P.S., March 25.
Anna Maerk, Jochen's, March 27.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Noto Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Ward, States Co., April 7.
Rhexenor, B. & S., April 8.
Tasmania, Jochen's, April 13.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Philadelphia.
Anna Maerk, Jochen's, March 27.
Ward, States Co., April 7.
Rhexenor, B. & S., April 8.
Tasmania, Jochen's, April 13.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Portland.
General Pershing, States, March 22.

San Francisco.
Tai Shan, Dodwell's, March 18.
General Pershing, States, March 22.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, March 24.
Emp. of Britain, C.P.S., March 25.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Cornville, Bank Line, March 31.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 3.

Seattle.
Pres. Grant, A.M. Line, March 26.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Tathylbus, B. & S., April 15.

Vancouver, B.C.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 19.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., April 2.
Tathylbus, B. & S., April 15.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 16.

Victoria, B.C.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 19.
Pres. Grant, A.M. Line, March 26.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Tathylbus, B. & S., April 15.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 16.

SOUTHWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO COAST PORTS, MANILA, AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports, East and West.
Neptuna, Gibb's & N.Y.K., March 21.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Nankin, E. & A.S.S. Co., April 3.

Bali.
Tjinegara, J.C.J. Line, March 30.

Bangkok.
Hiram, Thoresen's, March 28.

Batavia.
Tjinegara, J.C.J. Line, March 23.
Rhexenor, B. & S., April 8.
Cingalese Prince, Furness', April 12.

Belawan-Deli.
Scharnhorst, Melchers', March 23.
Isar, Melchers', April 2.

Brisbane.
Nankin, E. & A.S.S. Co., April 3.

Cebu.
Tasmania, Jochen's, March 27.
Silversteak, Furness', March 28.
Gertrude Maerk, Jochen's, April 2.
Bendoran, Loxley's, April 9.
Cingalese Prince, Furness', April 12.

Davao.
Silversteak, Furness', March 28.
Cingalese Prince, Furness', April 12.

Haiphong.
Kwangtung, B. & S., March 20.

Hobart.
Nankin, E. & A.S.S. Co., April 3.</

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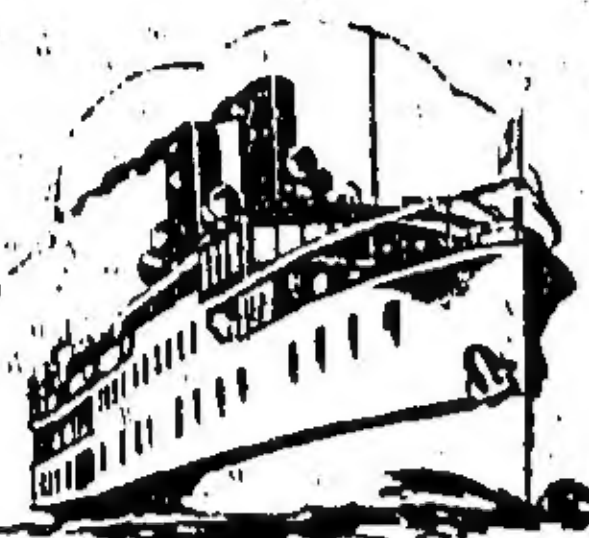
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Sailors' Home And Missions To Seamen

ANNUAL REPORT DISCLOSES RECORD CREATED FOR 1936

The report for 1936 of the Chaplain to the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, states in part as follows:—

When the fine Institute in which the Sailors' Home and the Missions to Seamen Institute are visibly amalgamated was first conceived, it is said that there were some who questioned the need for so large and commodious a building.

Should any still hold that opinion, let us say at the outset of the annual report for 1936 that we have created a record!

During the year no fewer than 28,395 beds were occupied—a total which marks an increase of more than 3,000 over the highest figure reached either at the old or the new Institute.

On some nights when the China Fleet was in Hong Kong accommodation was so greatly taxed that we had to put beds in the Church, the King George V Hall and the ping-pong room, rather than turn men away to seek a lodging under some very different roof.

For part of October and November we were asked to provide accommodation for the Ships' Companies of H.M.S. Decoy and H.M. Submarine Pandora while these vessels were undergoing repairs. Both crews expressed great appreciation of the comfort which they had enjoyed.

THE BUILDING

Fortunately no big repair or renewal has been necessary, and we are glad to report that at last Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. seem to have been able—after further investigation—to put the sewage pump into dependable working order. We hope that the difficulties and expenses connected with this trouble have now been eliminated.

In response to a request from Dr. Kirk and his fellow members of the T.C. H. the ante-room of the Chapel has been placed at their disposal and a fortnightly meeting held there. It was hoped that members of T.C. H. might be able to give us occasional help at entertainments and other activities, and we are glad to report that already such help has been forthcoming.

Both the Deep Sea Scouts and the 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts who occupy "dens" in the basement have shown signs of continual activity; the latter, who owe a great deal to their elder brothers of the Deep Sea Scouts, were successful in winning the Prince of Wales Banner and we take this opportunity of congratulating their Scoutmaster upon the healthy state of the troop and its well-deserved success.

An addition to the dormitories was made by the purchase of eighty bedside tables and twelve new mattresses, while an order for renewals of blankets and linen has been sent to England.

On November 24th His Excellency The Commander-in-Chief China Station (Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little, K.C.B.) accompanied by Rear Admiral G. C. Sedgwick, visited the Institute and warmly congratulated Mr. H. Watt our Manager on the cleanliness and good order which he had observed.

Although our Institute is in no way supported by contributions from naval funds, His Excellency promised to inform the Admiralty of the excellent facilities offered to naval ratings both for night and day accommodation.

Good use has been made of the Navigation School during the year and Captain Fantham reports many successes in the examinations for Board of Trade Certificates.

CHURCH SERVICES

Seafarers do not usually go ashore in the morning so that we seldom have more than a small congregation of local people at the Sunday Morning Services.

In the evening however, the launch brings men from ships in harbour to join in the simple services at St. Peter's Seamen's Church.

Unfortunately very few Merchant Ships remain in port on Sunday so that our numbers are seldom large except when some special Service draws officers from the Coast and River steamers.

Such an occasion was on January 12 when a Memorial Service was held for the Hong Kong men who lost their lives in the ill-fated S.S. Parings which foundered in Bass Strait off the Australian Coast about December 26, 1935.

Later in the year a memorial tablet placed there by the China

Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China was unveiled in the Church.

Through the generosity of many local officers a substantial sum was collected for the dependents of the Master of the vessel who had been left almost destitute.

Once again the Annual Seafarers' Service was held at St. John's Cathedral when on Sunday morning, October 25th, representatives of the leading British Steamship Companies of the Colony, placed the house flags of their respective Companies in the hands of the Cathedral Chaplain for safe keeping.

In welcoming a large number of local officers and others to the fellowship of the Cathedral Congregation the Chaplain reminded his hearers of their dependence upon ships and seamen not only for their safety and safe passage but for the necessities of life. A contingent of officers from the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force attended this service.

SOCIAL

In company with other Seamen's Institutes of which the Chaplain has information, we have found that of all the entertainments arranged, the dances have been the most popular, and for their success we are indebted to Mr. W. V. Field who has proved himself to be a most genial and capable Master of Ceremonies.

The Whist Drives have not been so well attended as in former years and it would seem that naval ratings at least are no longer attracted by a whist drive which is not run in conjunction with a tombola.

Launch picnics continue to be as popular as ever and during the bathing season more than one thousand seafarers of the Mercantile Marine enjoyed the frequent expeditions made in the "Dayspring."

The visit of the "Empress of Britain" in March was the occasion for a full programme of football fixtures, a sports meeting, an excursion in a fleet of motor cars and visits to H.M. Ships, as well as successful dances and concerts in the Institute.

Later in the year the Kowloon Dock had a long visit from the P. and O. R.M.S. "Ranchi" which gave us the opportunity of arranging many sports and social fixtures, amongst which visits to Kai Tak Air Port and to a submarine were given full marks by the men.

THE "DAYSRING"

Almost every morning the M.L. "Dayspring" has been engaged in carrying the Chaplain round the harbour on his business of ship visiting.

Our launch is no longer young but she still looks as well as any craft in the harbour and we are lucky in being able once again to thank the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. and the Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd. for their most valuable help in carrying out any repairs that have been necessary.

It should be recorded that on an occasion during August when a Chinese man tried to commit suicide by drowning, two members of the "Dayspring" crew, Pang Lo and Leung Muk, promptly effected a rescue and later received a letter of thanks from the Inspector General of Police.

VISITORS

It is not often that in the space of a year we are able to meet several chaplains from other Eastern ports, but so it was this last year.

The Rev. F. E. Watts and his wife paid us a visit on their way back to Kobe from a holiday in

GRAVE RIOTING IN FRANCE

Six Police And Civilians Killed

Paris, March 17.

The Government intends to take drastic action to prevent repetition of last night's riots and is likely to ban all meetings calculated to disturb the peace. A Cabinet meeting at 5.30 p.m. will consider the matter.

Rioting which has been the wildest since the Stavisky scandal resulted in six police and civilians being killed and a large number injured, including 140 members of the police.

The fighting began when a crowd of workmen besieged the hall in which the Fascist Social Party were holding a meeting and severe street fighting followed in which shots were fired.

The Minister of the Interior, M. Dormoy, who vainly tried to calm the crowds will give his colleagues a personal account of the disturbances.

The morning papers, both Right and Left, indulge in a volley of invective, the Rightists declaring that one of the gravest features is the fact that municipal sirens sounded to call up further Communist reinforcements.—*Reuter.*

Australia; the Rev. Bernard Briggs of Yokohama stayed in the Institute for a few days in September, and earlier in the year we were glad to meet the Rev. A. V. Wardle and his bride who, were married in Singapore Cathedral a few weeks before their visit. The Rev. Basil Hartman of Shanghai spent the night of the typhoon in Junk Bay on board a vessel which was lucky to escape serious damage.

Visits from all these "opposite numbers" provided very welcome opportunities to discuss work among seamen and ways in which we can all co-operate.

THANKS

To give a list of those who in various ways have helped us during the year would be tedious, but to all, especially the ladies who have been such energetic dancing partners, we tender our hearty thanks.

Many people have sent in parcels of books and magazines which have been most welcome, but our appetite is insatiable and we ask for more.

Those who know how much seafarers appreciate gifts of books and papers however old, will not hesitate, I am sure, to let us have as much "reading" as they can spare.

GENERAL

An annual report is no place for a sermon, but it may not be uninteresting to echo the words of an anonymous writer in an article which recently appeared in the "South China Morning Post":—"The Merchant Service," he said, "is nobody's child!"

This, we must admit is partially true; but let us realize that an Institute such as ours and the work which is centred in it, is or should be a reminder that some at least in this busy Colony and seaport are stretching out the right hand of fellowship to the seafarer. More than that, the "Flying Angel" is the flag of a world-wide mission which strives to assure the members of a magnificent Sea Service that they—just as their brothers ashore, far from being "nobody's children"—are indeed the Sons of God.

There must be many who shall read this report who can spare a few moments daily to ask the continued Blessing of Almighty God upon the work of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute in Hong Kong

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